#### PLO trip not sign of better Saudi ties

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia said Sunday a visit by a top Palestinian official was not a sign of improving relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). An official source told the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) that PLO Executive Committee member Mahmoud (Abu Mazen) was visiting the kingdom at his own request. The source denied reports the visit was a sign of restored relations. "We would like to indicate that Abu Mazen is visiting the kingdom at his own request to attend the celebrations marking the Zith anniversary of the start of the Palestinian revolution," SPA quoted the official as saying. "This visit has no purpose other than the one mentioned." Abu Mazen is the most senior PLO official to visit Saudi Arabia since the 1990-91 Kuwait crisis. All Gulf Arab states cut vital financial aid and political support to the PLO when it appeared to side with Iraq. Last month Abu Mazen held talks in Doha with the Emir of Oatar and also visited the Sultnate of Oman.



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#### Kabul forms parliament as rockets land

KABUL (R) - President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government announced an Afghan parliament Sunday as its opponents rained rockets on the capital and threatened to shut Kabul airport and a major airbase. Kabul Radio said the radical Hezb-e-Islami party fired 13 rockets into Kabul, damaging buildings and wounding at least six people. The radio blamed the Hezb for a series of rocket attacks which it said killed 27 records in Kabul in the next week. The Hezb davied but week that it was people in Kabul in the past week. The Hezb denied last week that it was bombarding the city. Presidential spokesman Abdul Aziz Morad told reporters that 205 members of parliament had been chosen from more than 1,000 members of a controversial Hal-o-Aqad assembly which elected Mr. Rabbani on Dec. 30 as president for the next two years. He said a few deputies might be added before the parliament convened on Jan. 25, with the major immediate task of approving an interim constitution for the country. The Hezb, led by hardline Mujahideen leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, said it would shootdown planes using Kabul's airport and Bagram airbase north of Kabul unless Hezb members arrested by pro-government forces were released by Monday evening.

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#### Evictee's baby born in West Bank

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank
(R) — The wife of Palestinian expeliee Samir Al Qadi gave birth to a girl Sunday and named her Marj Al Zohour after the piece of South Lebanon where he and 414 other evictees have been trapped for the past 24 days. Relatives said the 25-year-old mother and child, in Surif village near Hebron, were doing fine. The evictees have been living in a makeshift tent camp between Israeli and Lebanese army lines at Mari Al Zohour (the meadow

#### Algerians asked to hand in hunting guns

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's Interior Ministry has asked people with hunting guns to hand them in to the police for safe-keeping, apparently to keep them out of the hands of Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas fighting the security forces. The invitation applied to residents of the capital Algiers and six nearby regions. All are under an indefinite night curiew imposed on Dec. 5 as part of the authorities' campaign against the guerrillas. The guerrillas have killed more than 210 members of the security forces in the year since the authorities prevenced the Islamic movement from winning elections.

#### Pakistan seeks to avert U.S. threat

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Senday that he wanted to improve ties with the United States, which says it may add Pakistan to its list of countries sponsoring terrorism. Speaking to reporters about the U.S. warning, Mr. Sharif said: "We want to make our relations with America better and better and there are no two opinions about it." The U.S. State Department told Islamabad Thursday that the incoming Clinton administration would review reports that Pakistan supported Kashmiri and Sikh militants "who commit terrorist acts in India." Mr. Sharif said: "Pakistan extends only moral, diplomatic and political support to the people of Kashmir and to give any other impression is wrong and unjusti-fied."

#### El Al blames Boeing for Amsterdam crash

TEL AVIV (R) - (srael's El Al airline said Sunday Boeing Co. was solely to blame for the crash of an El Al Boeing 747 cargo jet in Amsterdam that killed at least 43 people. "We recommend that Boeing should be determined as being the completely responsible entity for this crash and must be compelled to take actual steps to prevent similar crashes in the feture," said a report by El Al's investigating committee. On Oct. 4 an El Al Boeing 747 cargo jet lost two engines and ploughed into apartment buildings near Amsterdam's Schipol airport. At least 43 people were killed, including the crew, one passenger, and a number of people on the

#### Vassiliou to meet Ghail on peace plan

NICOSIA (R) — President George Vassiliou of Cyprus will neet U.N. Secretary-General Bentres Ghali this week to discuss plans to reunite the divided island, an official statement said Sunday. The statement said that Mr. Vassilion and Mr. Ghali would meet in Paris Thursday to discuss confidence-building mea-sures included in a U.N. sponsored proposal for Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots to be required in a federation ending 18 years of separation.

#### Iragis protest killing of Australian

AMMAN (R) - Thousands of Kurds demonstrated in northern Iraq demending that local officials find and punish the killer of an Australian aid worker shot dead this week, Care Australia said Sunday. Care Australia's Middle East director Robert Yallop said the body of Stuart Cameron, 45, and his wounded colleague, Joe Martinico, were taken from the Kurdish town of Sulaimaniych past an honour guard of local officials and militia and zirlifted to Turkey Saturday.

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## Rabin maintains defiance of U.N. demand; Hariri bans airlift of evictees

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Sunday reiterated his rejection of a U.N. demand that he allow home hundreds of Palestinians that Israel expelled to Lebanon.
Mr. Rabin emerged from an extended meeting of more than two hours with Chinmaya Gharekhan, envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali, to say he would not allow the return of the 415 alleged Islamic activists Israel forced into Lebanon on Dec. 17.

"I want to say simply that we stand by the decision of the government," Mr. Rabin told reporters outside his office.

Mr. Gharekhan said he was returning to New York to report on the meeting with Mr. Rabin and said any future action against Israel would be up to Security Council. It was the second unsuccessful

mission to Israel by a U.N. envoy seeking to implement the Security Council resolution demanding the immediate return of the evic-

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri Sunday banned further U.N. airlifts of the Palestinian evictees from the snow-bound

CAIRO (Agencies) — The Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) was reported ready Sun-

to boycott U.S.-sponsored peace

talks unless Israel repatriates

The proposal announced in a

Tunis newspaper interview by Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the

PLO's Political Department, will

be among options before more

than half the Arab foreign minis-

ters meeting Monday at the Arab League's Cairo headquarters. The PLO requested Monday's

urgent meeting of the 21-member

league's foreign ministers to con-

sider ways to force Israel to re-

patriate the more than 400

stranded Palestinians it expelled

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat

said last week the PLO would ask

the ministers to urge the United

Nations to punish Israel for ignor-

ing a Security Council resolution

But the Arabs know that the

United States would veto sanc-

tions if they were proposed in the

U.N. Security Council. Last week

the council failed to agree even

on a non-binding statement de-

demanding repatriation.

Alternatives are limited.

marconed in South Lebanon.

PLO seen seeking Arab

support to halt peace talks

day to seek Arab League backing appeal for sanctions might

Mr. Hariri said in an interview he was upset that Red Cross delegates, who visited the camp by helicopter Saturday, had taken two Palestinians out with them. One, 16-year-old Bassem Syouri, was among 10 Palesti-

mians Israel said it expelled "in error." The other, a 32-year-old man, was suffering from a kidney Mr. Hariri's stance could frustrate efforts by the International

Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to take out an additional nine Palestinians whom Israel says were mistakenly expelled. "I approved Saturday's onetime mission of the Red Cross upon its assertions that the mission will be of a purely factfinding nature," Mr. Hariri said. But the Red Cross went beyond the mandate, and we are not going to allow another helicopter

He insisted that "Israel must take them back overland on the same route it expelled them last

The evictees were marched through the Zammaraya crossing into South Lebanon. But Leba-

manding that Israel accept the

emerge from the Arab League meeting.

Nevertheless, a symbolic

But the PLO may have decided

Mr. Kaddoumi got support of

linkage last month from key Arab

countries at a meeting in Cairo.

He and the foreign ministers of

Sabah he will seek to formalise

that commitment. He said he

would put before the Arab

League a document saying re-suming the talks as scheduled on

Feb. 20 is infeasible so long as the

Palestinians remain in Lebanon.

Kaddoumi said. "There will be

no participation in these talks

without the return of all the

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"Our position is clear cut," Mr.

that linking the expulsions with

continuation of the peace talks could be more fruitful.

evictees' return.

they have been stranded since between Israeli and Lebanese

army lines. Both Lebanon and Israel have blocked international aid convoys

from reaching the men. The evictees have survived by smuggling food and medicine from nearby villages. On Sunday, in apparent anticipation of a long

stay, they carried in a generator. Two delegates of the Genevabased Red Cross Saturday used an Augusta-Bell helicopter from the U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon to reach the hillside camp. They checked the physical conditions of the evictees and evacu-

the Israeli army to a reunion with his family in the West Bank town

But the Palestinian with kidney problems, Zohair Labbadeh, 32, was denied entry by Israel. After spending the night at a

U.N. clinic in South Lebanon, he was moved by the Israeli army Sunday to a hospital in Marjayoun, a southern Lebanese

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Americans

as priority

see Mideast

DUBAI (R) — Most Americans think U.S. President-elect Bill Clin-

near the top of his agenda when he takes office later this mouth, an opin-

ion poll showed Sunday.

The poll for the Arabic-language
Al Wasai magazine said 61 per cent of
Americans surveyed said "finding a

icans thought the United States should "be committed to an indepen-

dent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." Thirty-seven

More than half those questioned in the survey said Israel and the Palesti

nians were equally to blame in their dispute. Seventeen per cent blamed the Palestinians and 10 per cent

More than 60 per cent said they did

not agree that the United States should maintain its current annual

level of \$3 billion of aid to Israel.

per cent disagreed.

## Siyuri, who was the youngest of the deportees, was later taken by Jordan Valley region. The rains caused the breakin collision course with Senate

occupied West Bank (AFP photo)

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Sixteen-year-old Palestinian expellee Bassam

Siyouri (left) who was allowed to return home by

the Israeli occupation authorities is welcomed by

AMMAN — The Lower House of Parliament Sunday passed a draft law on "illegal acquisition of wealth" as amended by its Judiciary Committee, voting down most of the amendments the Upper House of Parliament (Senate) made on the law before it sent it back to the House.

The draft law, which was approved by the House in its last ordinary session but was rejected by the Senate, defines "illegal acquisition of wealth" as any increase in the liquid and fixed assets that "people included in the law, their sponses and minor children" attain through abuse of

Government officials covered minister, ministers, speakers and 'ject the Senate's amendment and

Shootouts, clan clashes

members of the Upper and Low-er Houses of Parliament, senior government officials and chairmen of the boards of public corporations and companies in which the government's share exceeds 40 per cent and members of the

The Senate had recommended excluding parliamentarians from the law but the House endorsed the recommendation of its Indiciary Committee to keep its members covered by the draft law.

The Senate had also proposed limiting the definition of the "illegal acquisition of wealth" to unlawful increase in the wealth of persons covered by the law" -leaving out the fortunes of spouses and minor children as

The Judiciary Committee reby the draft law are: The prime commended that the House rethe House voted in favour of its recommendation.

The draft law will be sent back to the Senate and a joint session of Parliament will be held to vote on the final version of the draft law if the Senate insists on its amendments. A two-third majority will then be needed to pass the draft law. The draft law calls for the

creation of a "department against illegal acquisition of wealth" at the Ministry of Justice to "receive and study declaration of financial status, complaints and explanations" in cooperation with special committees appointed by the Higher Judiciary Council.

It requires "concerned agencies" to provide the proposed people covered by the law, and

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### Rains, snow to continue

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan, drenched as it is with rainwater that fell over the past three days, is expected to be lashed with rain and snow Monday and Tuesday with the hilly regions taking the brunt, the Meteorology Department said.

A low depression centred over Cyprus has created an air mass originating from the polar region affecting all the areas lying in the Eastern Mediterranean including Jordan, the department said.

The Kingdom was subjected to a cold front resulting in high winds, more rain and snow Sunday night and the early hours of Monday. Temperatures were expected to drop noticeably over the coming two days.

Rains in the past few days came as a blessing to Jordanians follow-ing a week-long spell of frosty

The rains caused the breakdown of many vehicles and inundated streets and wadis but no casualties were reported from road accidents or floods. According to the Meteorology

Department, snow will fall Monday on areas 900 metres above sea level - mostly western Amman suburbs — but will fall in intensity over areas rising above 1,200 metres above sea level.

The department said that the weather would start to improve gradually as of Tuesday but it would continue to be very cold. A gradual rise in temperature will start Wednesday and a relatively moderate weather is expected in the weekend.

The department expects high winds of less force than the Christmas storm but it warned against poor visibility in the next two days due to fog and low clouds. Low lying areas are expected to be flooded with water. The department expected

temperatures to rise only up to four degrees Ceisius during the day, up from two at night

Bad weather hampers

#### successful competition to the continuing peace talks in the Middle East," was a high priority for Mr. Clinton's incoming administration. The figure compared with 39 per Egypt, a prime mediator with the cent who saw ensuring stability in newly democratic Eastern European reported in Mogadishu Israelis, and Israel's front-line negotiating partners Syria, Lebastates and 34 per cent who saw intervention to end bloodshed in Bosnon and Jordan said continued nia as high priorities. The poll, commissioned by the London-based Al Wasat from U.S. MOGADISHU (Agencies) refusal to reverse the expulsions U.S. marines opened fire on could jeopardise the peace talks that began in October 1991. On Sunday, Mr. Kaddoumi told the Tunis newspaper Al firm John Zogby Group International, also found 42 per cent of Amer-

Somalis who tried to ambush them under cover of darkness Sunday, killing three of the gun-

men, a spokesman reported. The fight was one of several shootouts reported overnight in lawless Mogadishu, including clashes among rival clans.

Rumours swept Mogadishu that dozens had died in the clan fighting, but the reports could not be confirmed. Scattered gunfire persisted in parts of the capital after dawn.

The Marines, who landed amid chaos in Somalia one month ago, say the mission to pacify the country and secure distribution routes for famine relief shipments is weeks ahead of schedule. But skirmishes still occur nightly in Mogadishu, and aid agencies say their operations are still impeded

Carlson said there were no

Marine casualties in Sunday's

He said a marine observer atop tall building spotted seven Somalis with weapons about 1 a.m. in an alley adjacent to the former U.S. embassy compund. now headquarters for Marines in Somalia.

A Marine patrol was diverted to the area. The Somalis detected the Marines moving towards them and got into an ambush position, spokesman Carlson

The Marine on the observation post opened fire to break up the ambush, killing one Somali and wounding another, he said. The Somalis then fired on the Marine patrol and the Americans returned fire, killing two more

The spokesman said the Marines withdrew after civilians began coming out of their homes.

tanker salvage efforts

SUMBURGH, Shetland Islands (Agencies) — Near-hurricane force winds and churning seas Sunday hattered the oil tanker shipwrecked in the Shetland Islands and hampered salvage efforts.

Also Sunday, British news reports said the tanker's crew tried to get the engine going for two bours before summoning help and a former captain of the Braer said he would not have taken the vessel through the Shetland Islands during Tuesday's hurricane.
The Shetland Islands Council

said Sunday wildlife casualties from the 40-kilometre long oil tanker ruptured Tuesday.
The toll of birds was expected

to rise to the thousands, said Peter Ellis, director of the Royal

Shetlanders stopped antipollution experts spraying a huge oil slick spreading from the Braer because they feared toxic dispersants could damage their health.

The slick has led to a ban on fish farming and fishing in the islands at the northernmost tip of the British Isles.

Fresh gales were heading towards the islands and salvage crews doubted it they would be unable to board the vessel, which is starting to break up, for at least

Geert Koffeman, spokesman for the Dutch salvage company Smit Tak, said he believed most spill now amounted to 535 dead of the cargo of 85,000 tonnes of birds and two grey seals since the oil remained on board. "I hope only one tank is pierced and 11 are intact," he told a news confer-

After a protest meeting Friday,

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## Iraq denies retreating, says Bush seeks easy way out

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iraq Sunday denied it had bowed to an allied ultimatum to withdraw missiles from its south, and asserted that the latest standoff was created by a lame duck U.S. president with personal gradges against Baghdad.

Irag, bracing for another showdown with the Security Council, also denied permission for a U.N. plane to land Sunday, U.N. officials said. Employees and inspectors of

the Baghdad office of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) were stranded in Bahrain waiting for permission to fly to Iraq, U.N. sources said. "iraq, turned down a request

for a plane to land on Sunday. They are still waiting for a flight clearance," a U.N. source in Baghdad said. Iraq's refusal to permit the

flight came hours after the United. States announced that Baghdad had complied with an ultimatum to remove anti-aircraft missiles from an allied-patrolled "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq.

Iraq demed it had acceded to Western demands and said it had put the missiles where it wanted

The spokesman for the ruling

suggested that Baghdad was hoping for better relations with ident-elect Bill Clinton.

The United States, France, Britain and Russia had given Baghdad until Friday night to remove missiles from the "nofly" zone in southern Iraq. On Saturday, U.S. officials said Iraq had "backed down" and moved the SA-2 and SA-3 missile batter-

But the Iraqi spokesman, in a statement carried by the Iraqi Agency said the White House and Pentagon assertions were "not true." "Our planes and our air missiles are in the places where we

decided they should be," said the "If the U.S. statements, which depict the situation as if it was a retreat by Iraq, meant to find a

way out of the impasse ... then we welcome this," the spokesman But he added that Iraq be-

lieved Washington was trying "to mislead public opinion or to damage our credibility."

President George Bush, he said, may also be seeking to burden President-elect Clinton with his policy, which his govmotivated by unjustified hatred.' Iraqi newspapers echoed the same defiant theme Sunday. Al Thawra daily said Mr. Bush was trying to turn the flight ban below the 32nd Parallel into

"something permanent." The exclusion zone was declared by Mr. Bush on Aug. 27 and supported by the allies. The U.S. says - the zone is designed to protect Shiite Muslim dissidents sheltering there since their failed rebellion against the Iraqi

regime after the 1991 Gulf war. The defeated Bush will not be able to impose his status quo on triumphant and firm Iraq," Al Thawra, mouthpiece of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party. "Iraq, which was not shaken by the 30-state aggression, will not

be shaken by a defeated dying person who is taking his last yellow desperate breaths," it said. Al Jumhuriyah newspaper said Mr. Bush's actions in the closing days of his administration were an attempt to embroil Mr. Clin-

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ton in foreign issues, the Iraqi

News Agency said. Mr. Clinton

#### by looting and violence. Chief Warrant Officer Eric Society for the Protection of representatives of the islanders Birds for the Shetlands, where 61 (Continued on page 3) species of birds breed.

Bosnia talks open despite Muslim leader's absence

GENEVA (R) — Talks widely billed as a last chance for peace settlement in war-torn Bosnia resumed Sunday, without Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic who left for an Islamic meeting in Senegal just as they were to

But diplomats said peace prospects appeared to have improved slightly after the Serbs told mediators Lord Owen and Cyprus Vance in a fresh proposal that they agreed to demilitarisation of Bosnia under international super-

Mr. Izetbegovic, who had hesitated over whether to come at all after à Muslim minister was killed by a Serb gunman in Bosnia on Friday, flew to Geneva Sunday morning but left hours later as other participants held up by fog

were arriving.

Opening the delayed meeting, Mr. Vance said he and cochairman Owen of the European Community (EC) "share with you today our profound sorrow at the heinous killing" of Bosnia's Deputy Prime Minister Hakija Turajlic. We condemn this outrageous action," he added. "The time has

come to put an end to all such criminal acts and for all parties to move forward with the peace process. Just minutes before the talks began, Mr. Izetbegovic had dis-

cussed his departure with Lord Owen in a hallway at Geneva's-Palais des Nations before telling reporters: "I am going to Dakar. I will be back tomorrow night." The Dakar meeting is partly to discuss the plight of the Bosnian

Muslims, which has outraged the Islamic World. Mr. Izetbegovic said he has leaving behind Fore-ign Minister Haris Silajdzic, who was fully empowered to negotiate in his place.

Also attending the negotiations were Radovan Karadzic of the rebel Bosnian Serbs, Croat leader Mate Boban, President Dobrica Cosic of the rump Yugoslav fed-

eration and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia was expected Monday. Lord Owen, who appeared dis-

appointed, said Mr. Izetbegovic had waited four hours for other leaders to show up but his departure would not cripple the talks. "No drama, I'm afraid, but just a slight hiccup," he told reporters. "It's not a walkout."

Mr. Karadzic, who arrived through one door as the Muslim chief was leaving by another, declared: "I have not come to leave. I have come to negotiate."

Papers submitted by the insurgents suggested the Serbs not only agreed to the idea of demilitarisation but also accepted the formation of a central government formed with the Muslims and Croats with equal representa-

tion of all three. Although the Serbs insist they want Bosnia-Herzegovina to be a "composite state" with "three constituent peoples and three

constituent units," according to the documents, the diplomats said they appeared to be moving towards compromise.

In Assisi, Italy, Pope John Paul II on Sunday denounced a "mad craving for power" in Europe and condemned the use of religion as a pretext for violence and prayed for an end to war in Bosnia.

The Pope had invited Muslims. Jews, European Catholic Church leaders and other Christians, including Orthodox, for a weekend of fasting and prayer to the hilltown birthplace of peacepromoting St. Francis.

On Sunday, he delivered one of his strongest denunciations of the war and its atrocities since fighting started almost a year ago. pitting Bosnian Serbs, who are predominantly Orthodox, against Muslims and Croats, a mainly Catholic people.

"The current war in the Balkans is a special accumulation of sins," the Pope said in his homily during a mass in Assisi.

## Restoring hope in Somalia takes more than a month

By Frances Kerry Reuter

MOGADISHU - President George Bush's foreign policy finale, Operation Restore Hope, brought combat troops halfway round the world to foil bandits and help feed two million famished Somalis.

Aid workers, who had been hostage to looting and extor-tion but sceptical about what the troops could do, say the U.S.-led military task force in Somalia has achieved a lot in a month.

"The Americans came in with the stated aim of escorting tood convoys and providing security for relief work," said Rhodri Wynn-Pope of the aid agency CARE.

As far as escorting convoys are concerned they have done the job 100 per cent ...the forces have delivered as much as possible on security for us and certainly on relief con-

Troops have made some towns, such as the lawless "death city" of Baidoa, safe to

American and U.N. pressure also brought together 15 clan factions who agreed Thursday in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa to hold a national reconciliation conference in April.

But questions remains over what the troops can or should do to help restore order in a country with no government and no economy to speak of, swimming in weapons and broken apart by two years of clan warfare, banditry, looting and extortion

Marines blinking under tele-

vision lights hit the beaches of the humid, bombed-out capital before dawn on Dec. 9.

They were the vanguard of an unprecedented multinational mission to feed the starving. Famine has already killed well over 300,000 people and more than a million need food aid.

Troops now number 31,000, two thirds of them American. "I was sceptical about the troops coming but I have changed my mind completely," said James Orbinski, a Canadian doctor with the medical charity Medecins sans Frontieres in Baidoa.

"Before, we were sitting in our compounds with rockets going off and attacks by technicals (Somalia battlewagons) and anti-aircraft guns. We were in a state of virtual para-

Commenting on the task force's first 30 days, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) noted that where foreign troops were highly visible, heavy arms, technicals and militias had melted away.

Food could now be delivered by road, rather than by costly and less efficient airlifts, it

Urged on by relief agencies who witnessed a last-ditch orgy of looting, the troops fanned out quicker than planned to secure eight southern and central towns as hubs for famine

But UNICEF, echoing other aid agencies, said the military intervention had also brought new problems. "In some cases and in some areas the level of insecurity is much greater than before the arrival" of the fore-

ign troops, it said. U.S. and Belgian troops moved into the southern port Kismayu, considered one of the most dangerous towns in Somalia, on Dec. 20. A UN-ICEF employee, Briton Sean Devereuex, 28, was killed by a lone gunman in Kismayu on Jan. 2.

Danger still stalks Mogadishu, especially its northern sector, despite troops at key points such as the airport.
Gunfire sputters nightly near
the sprawling and devastated

U.S. embassy complex where many U.S. troops are billetted. A fierce clan battle erupted

on the city outskirts on New Year's Eve during a visit by Mr. Bush to boost the morale of troops engaged in what he called a "wonderful, wonderful

· Cars still get held up at the point of a gun or knife.

Private guards hide their AK-47 rifles behind car seats to avoid having them confis-cated at road checks. But they say they must carry guns as bandits are creeping out again.

Doctors still see about 10 gunshot wounds a day at Mogadishu's Digfer Hospital

Some residents, initially overawed, are getting brazen even with U.S. troops. Boys stone military vehicles or jump onto them and try to pilfer equipment, even snatching at

oistol holsters. U.S. officials have pledged more action against weapons and lawlessness as troop num-

On Thursday, Marines backed by helicopters and tanks blazed into two compounds used by forces of Mogadishu warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, seizing tanks. armoured vehicles and big

The city was quieter than usual Thursday night.

A U.S. official said it was up to Somalis, with international help, to organise a future

"We don't want to become the police of Somalia. That's not in the mandate. But arms reduction and increased security are."

The task force's future should become clearer after Jan. 20, when President-elect Bill Clinton replaces Mr. Bush.

Military officials say some troops could go home this month, but no date has been set for a full handover to a U.N. force. "The new administration will have early on to address

ble turnover" to a force in which the United States still played an important role. But some Somalis, including General Aideed, are hostile to any role for the United Na-

the issue of timing," said the

U.S. official. He suggested the

possibility of a "virtually invisi-

Protesters besieged U.N. headquarters in Mogadishu on Jan. 2, hurling rocks and grapefruit skins over the walls and forcing U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to cancel a planned visit to the mis-







### **UN SALUTO AL MINISTRO ITALIANO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI** ONOREVOLE EMILIO COLOMBO

In occasione della visita dell'Onorevole Emilio Colombo Ministro degli Affari Esteri della Repubblica Italiana il Centro Linguistico Italiano ha il piacere di porgere a Sua Eccellenza un caloroso benvenuto a nome del Direttore Generale del Centro, Dott. Samir Al Corum del corpo didattico e di tutti gli

Con l'augurio di buona permanenza sul suolo giordano Signor Ministro, Benvenuto frai suoi.

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## France promises to help Algeria overcome problems

ALGIERS (AP) - French Foreexpressed hope the country would move towards democracy.

In delicately worded comments during an interview with the radio station Algiers Channel III, Mr. Dumas said, "The Algerian people are responsible for their destiny and I see they want to head in the direction of modernity and responsibility, and their leaders are fully aware of that. France is thus on the side of the Algerian people and on the side of their

He did not mention the cancellation of legislative elections, the ouster of President Chadli Benjedid, imposition of a state of emergency — all early last year — or last June's assassination of President Mohammad Boudiaf. France, the once colonial ruler of this huge country, has avoided

commenting on the upheavals here over the past year. Gunbattles and bombings have killed close to 300 police and soldiers, and thousands of Muslim fundamentalists belonging to a powerful but outlawed Islamic

movement have been arrested. This past week 20 people, several of them military officers, were sentenced to death for plotting to destabilise or overthrow

the government. 'France intends to be totally involved in the work of modernisation and deepening the role of Algeria on the international scene ...in friendly and fraternal conditions that will be well understood by the Algerian people," said Mr. Dumas, who arrived Friday for an official visit.

He said he brought assurances that France would help building Algeria's economy, based largely on oil and natural gas.

ign Minister Roland Dumas has employment add to the political pledged France's help in mod-trumoil, creating a disaffected ernising Algeria's economy and youth prone to violence or sym-

> Algeria hopes foreign oil firms will increase their presence here, developing known oil fields as well as prospecting for new ones. French firms are known to be interested in such development, though besitant because of the political instability.

In a news conference later, Mr. Dumas said France and Algeria will henceforth hold regular ministerial meetings, to be inaugurated soon with a visit by French Minister of Economy and Finance Michel Sapin to discuss how aid will be delivered.

He said without elaborating that he brought up with Algerian authorities how to put the interrupted electoral process back on track, what happens after the High State Council's mandate runs out in January 1994, and how to direct the country more towards a market economy.

He also discussed Algeria's 30 billion franc \$5.4 billion debt to France, and care for the 643 French cemeteries in Algeria. Some 15,000 French soldiers died here during Algeria's war for independence that culminated with independence from France

In a previously unannounced encounter, Mr. Dumas discussed undisclosed security questions with Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar, a major general considered the true power behind the ruling army-backed council. Mr. Damas also met Mr.

Boudiaf's successor, High State Council President Ali Kafi, and delivered a message from French President François Mitterrand. 'We should first and foremost

High inflation nad rampant un- do away with all subjects of misunderstanding that came up dur-ing the course of 1992, marked by the tragic assassination of Presi-dent Boudiaf," Mr. Mitterrand said in-his letter.

"In the delicate transition phase that Algeria faces today, be assured that your country can count on the support of France and the French," Mr. Mitterrand said. "My country which is fun-damentally attached to the prom-otions of the principles of liberty, tolerance and democracy can only condemn extremism, from wherever it comes."

Mr. Dumas also extended an invitation from French Premier Pierre Beregovoy to Prime Minis ter Belaid Abdul Salam to visit France "as soon as possible."

Algerian journalists freed

Six journalists jailed a week ago were freed temporarily late Saturday, the official news agency APS said.

The six were detained and their espaper, Al Watan, suspended after it reported the killing of five paramilitary gendarmes last Saturday.

APS said the journalists were freed after the newspaper's lawyers sought their provisional release at Algiers court.

The journalists face trial on charges carrying between five and 10 years' imprisonment.

Algerian journalists and the International Press Institute had urged the government to free the six — Al Watan's managing director managing editor, editor and three of its reportes.

The Communications Ministry said the newspaper had been suspended for "premature" reporting of an event in a place covered by "national defence

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

#### MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **UAE to complete sixth airport in 1993**

DUBAI (R) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will complete its sixth international airport by the end of the year at a cost of \$218 million, a local newspaper said Sunday. The English-language daily Gulf News said officials expected flights to airport at Abu Dhabi's oasis city of Al A'in to start by early 1994. It said the airport at Al A'in, 160 kilometres from Abu Dhabi, was designed also to accommodate a military flying school. The UAE has a population of 1.9 million, three quarters of which are expatriates. It aiready has international airports in the federal capital Abu Dhabi and in Dubai, Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah and

#### Algeria condemns Serb 'genocide'

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria has joined condemnation of Friday's killing of the Bosnian deputy prime minister and called for action to stop what it called genocide by Serbs. The Foreign Ministry said in a statement the "brutal assassination" of Hakija Turajlic raised to new levels the horror lived daily by the innocent people. of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mr. Turajtic was shot dead in a U.N. vehicle by a Serb gunman on Friday. The Algerian statement said his killing while under U.N. escort put into question the credibility of the United Nations. "The Serb criminals can not continue to defy the international community with impunity," the statement said. "Algeria joins its voice to that of all countries demanding not only energetic condemnation of crimes against humanity committed by the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovia but also resolute action to end this veritable genocide and protect the people of this country and allow them to exercise in peace their right to a sovereign existence.

#### Ukrainians protest Demjanjuk case

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - Several dozen demonstrators gathered Saturday near the Israeli mission to protest Israel's treatment of Ukrainian native John Demjanjuk, sentenced to death as a Nazi war criminal. The protesters waved blue and yellow Ukrainian flags and some held placards urging his release. Protester Halyna Nevidoma said Demjanjuk's conviction was "another crime of world Zionism." Demjanjuk 72, was extradited to Israel from the United States in 1986 to stand trial on charges he was "Ivan the terrible," a guard at a Nazi camp. Convicted in 1988, he is appealing his death sentence to the Israeli supreme court. The appeals were heard in 1992 and the court has yet to hand down a verdict. Demjanjuk's case was recently reopened by the sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to determine whether the U.S. government withheld information that might have cleared him. A guard nicknamed "Ivan the terrible" helped run the gas chambers at the Treblinka camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, where 850,000 people were killed during World War II. Demjanjuk says he was never at Treblinka but at another Nazi camp, and that the case stems from mistaken identity.

#### Horses beat camels in UAE race

DUBAI (R) — Thoroughbred Arabian horses trounced carnels in a long-distance endurance race across the United Arab Emirates (UAE) desert — and the winning rider was a woman. In what is believed to be the first race of its kind in modern times, 402 camels and 28 horses galloped 38 kilometres across sand dunes and wadis in a revival of an ancient Arab sport Saturday. Horses took the first 10 places. The daughter of one of the UAE leaders. Sheikh Mohammad Ben Rashid Al Maktoum, came first on her father's steed Al Nayaz in one hour, 10 minutes. Sheikh Mohammad, one of the world's best known race-horse owners, came a close second to his daughter, whose name was not given. She charged across the finish line in riding jodhours and with her face masked by a black shawl in traditional desert style. The horses of Sheikh Mohammad, who is UAE defence minister and brother of the ruler of Dubai, also took third and fifth place. The winner received a gold trophy and a cash prize of 350,000 dirhams (about \$100,000). The prize for second place was 250,000 dirhams (about \$70,000). The top camel was owned by a son of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, Prince Abdul Aziz Ben Fahd.

### Egypt blames 'third party' for tension with Sudan

CAIRO (R) — Egypt, locked in a border row with Sudan, has accused a third party of provoking Khartoum and trying to destroy historic ties between the two

neighbours.
"There have and still are those wishing and even working to sabotage this special relationship," Foreign Minister Amr Musa told parliament in remarks published in Egyptian newspapers Sunday.

Mr. Musa did not name the third party but he was apparently referring to Iran. Egypt has repeatedly accused Tehran of using Sudan as a training ground for Muslim extremists trying to topple the Cairo government and

"Sudanese- Egyptian relations are now passing through a tense period helped by decisions taken by the Sudanese government he said." We see in them an escalation that will not bring any good," he added.

establish an Islamic state.

Mr. Musa declared: 'We will shut all doors that bring tension .. so as not to leave a chance for those wishing to fish in muddy

He said Egypt was determined to solve the crisis with Sudan over the Halaib border area peaceful-

Halaib is a potentially oil-rich desert triangle. It has been a source of friction between the two countries since late last year when Sudan granted an international oil firm an exploration concession in Halaib's territorial

Mr. Musa said that first sign of the bad Sudanese intentions was Khartoum's takeover of Egyptian schools in the area last month, forcing them to follow the Sudanese curriculum

Egypt was still studying whether to respond to the Sudanese action. According o officials up to five million Sudanese live in Cairo, among them are 52,000 students.

Sudan's two biggest opposition parties — the Umma and the Nationalist Democratic — denounced in statements Sunday Omar Al Bashir's military government seizure of Egyptian schools, saying his action was to destroy the deep-rooted cultural - ties.

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## Abu Shakoush' strikes again in Wihdat

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — After a luli of almost two months, a criminal nicknamed "Abu Shakoush" (hammerman) appeared to have struck again, this time in the densely-populated Windat area in southern Amman suburbs. The attacks bore all the hallmarks of fine previous incidents attributed to the clusive criminal.

Local reports said the attack occurred in the early hours of Dec. 30 at a paint shop in the main street of Wihdat. Neighbours found the shopowner lying in a pool of blood with heavy injuries to the skull inflicted with an apparently blunt instrument. possibly a hammer.

An unspecified amount of cash and a cheque for JD 1,000 were missing from the shop, according to reports. The victim suffered major injuries, which warranted his hospitalisation under intensive care. No detail was immediately available on his condi-

Neighbours, quoted in the local press, speculated that the attack could have involved more than one criminal since the victim was heavily built and could have resisted an assault mounted by a ione assailant. At least in one previous attack, the victim reported that the assailant was accompanied by an accomplice. An informed source confirmed

that there was "an attack in Wihdat similar to several others in Amman in the past three months." The source would not elaborate, except that investigations had intensified along with increased patrols and security

Before the Wihdat incident. the last attack attributed to "Abu Shakhoush," believed to be an Egyptian national or someone speaking with an Egyptian accent, occurred on Nov. 4 when a building material merchant was hit on the head with what appeared to have been a hammer. The merchant was robbed of JD 500. In earlier attacks, a pharmacist liquor shop, Oct. 29 at a pharmawas killed and an owner of a cy and Nov. 4 at a building liquor store went into a coma after suffering serious injuries. The victims of two other earlier attacks were seriously wounded but are able to provide police with descriptions of the assailant.

All attacks, except for one, occurred in the early hours and the victims were all elderly men who were alone in their shops and the weapon used in all cases was believed to be a hammer. All victims were hit on the head. In the attack against the pharmacist, a medium-size blood-stained hammer was left behind at the ment" and it is not strange that scene of the crime.

Police believe that "Abu Shakoush" is dark-skinned and medium-built. He apparently wears a head-dress which could be used to hide his facial features. One victim has described him as "clean-shaven and with a big

Attacks have occurred on Sept.

materials shop.

Big-scale robbery does not appear to be the motive in the attacks. Cash boxes were left untouched and only the victims were relieved of their wallets containing small amounts of money, which has led to specula-tion that "Abu Shakoush" could

All indications are that the attacks were meticulously plan-ned and perfectly timed. Experts have noted that there are numerous types of "mental derangesuch disturbed persons are able to think and plan carefully.

be mentally deranged.

The absence of attacks since Nov. 4 had brought a sense of relief among shopkeepers in the capital, but the Wihdat incident has done away with it.

Shopowners in several areas said they had taken a collective decision not to open early or 13 at a spare-parts shop, Oct. 8 at remain late unless they were a supermarket, Oct. 19 at the together.

### Pharmaceutical company makes breakthrough

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A Jordanian pharmaceutical company became the first in the Arab World to develop the technology for making sustained release anti-

inflammatory tablets.

Munther Salameh, the marketing director at Dar Adawa pharmaceutical company said that Diclogesic Retard Tablets for inflammatory and rheumatic diseases will be available in pharmacies by the end of January.

"The manufacturing of Diclogesic Retard Tablets required advanced technology involving the manipulation of certain polymers so that part of the polymer would dissolve slowly and the active ingredient is released slowly over a period of 12 hours," Mr. Salameh said. He added that slow release capsules are predominant

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Education will publish

dates whose names appear in the papers to call at the education

departments concerned to finalise

the employment procedures be-

fore the beginning of the second semester, on 23 Jan. The Ministry

was commenting on press reports saying that 1,500 teachers will be

appointed in the various ministry

schools throughout Jordan. The

sources said priority in appoint-

ments, will be given to teachers

from the regions concerned, not-ing that vacancies for teaching

posts which cannot be filled by

local people, particularly in the

southern regions and Amman outskirts, will be announced in

local newspapers within the next few days to attract applications

from teachers wishing to work in

The new measures are de-

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these regions.



Teachers posts to be announced in local press

for the manufacturing of slow took place in Jordan, according release tablets is very different. to pharmacist Ahmad Dallal, the in Jordan but that the technology The entire manufacturing process sales promotion and training

manager at Dar Adawa. "Bio-equivalent and bio-availability tests were conducted to prove that the tablet would release 'drugs without fluctuations, and to check the amount of active ingredient that the body would absorb from the intestinal system," Mr. Dallal said. "The plan now is to export to other Arab countries. and to some European coun-

Mr. Salameh said that although costs of manufacturing were high. the cost for the consumer is very reasonable at JD 1.6 for a packet of 10 tablets. "Slow release type dosage give the patient continuous relief for what could potentially be continuous pain.

For rheumatic and inflammatory diseases pain could wake a person at night. This type of tablet controls the pain overnight. It is also convenient over periods of fasting," he said.

### Jordan Valley dams to fill to capacity'

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) is confident that the dams of the Kingdom will be filled with water during the current winter season as in the past. Dr. Abdul Aziz Wishah, JVA secretary general, told the Jordan Times that most of the dams are presently half full due to the increase in recent rains. The King Talal Dam rose to 64 million cubic metres, up from 58 million towards the end of November 1992. The dam which has a capacity of 82 million cubic metres was filled to the brim in last winter season, forcing the JVA to pass on the surplus water to the fields and the Jordan River.

We are applying a programme that would ensure the replenishment of all dams in the country, Dr. Wishah said.

Last November Dr. Wishah announced that the JVA has prepared all the designs for a new store up to 3.5 million cubic dam to be built at Karameh in the metres of water.

central Jordan Valley region. The new dam is expected to have a capacity of 55 million cubic metres of rain water, collected from the wadis and the Zarqa River flowing towards the Jordan Valley, Dr. Wishah said. He noted that the Karameh dam was one of several others designed to save water for irrigation purposes. A tender for the construction of the dam will be announced soon as the JVA continues to work on a second project aimed at raising the walls of a neighbouring dam at Kafrein. Designs for the second project will be ready in March of this year and a tender will be announced

At the same time, he said, the JVA is in the process of building the Wadi Rajil dam and was cooperating with the Armed Forces to the construction of Swaqa dam which is due to be completed by June this year to

soon afterwards, said Dr.

#### JEA continues electric projects, runs customs course

TAFILEH (Petra) - The Jordan electrification department. Electricity Authority (JEA) will connect rural areas with electric power in light of priorities and awallability of financial resources, Yassin Khasawneh, director of the JEA office in Tafileh said. The authority is currently workiages, the southern neighbourbood of Qadisieh and Al Majarra in ineighbourhood in Gharandal by JEA in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and rural and badia these centres.

In a separate development a week long training course on customs procedures, organised by the customs department for 30 em-

ployees from the JEA, concluded Sunday. The training included registration of transactions, exing on the electrification of two amination of goods and assessing water projects in the governo-rale, and is linking Shatam vil-ments needed for customs transactions, and customs audit regulation. At the end of their week long training, the JEA staff with electric power. The electri- toured customs departments in cation plan will be implemented Amman and the Queen Alia Airport where they obtained first hand information on the work in

#### HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

#### "Al Koura officials discuss water services

:DEIR ABEE SAEED (Petra) — Heads of municipal councils in Al Koura district held a meeting at Kufr Al Maa Municipality Sunday to discuss services offered by the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ). The heads of the council at the meeting which was attended by director of the water departments in Irbid and Al Koura stressed the need to renew the water network in the district and connecting some villages with the network. They also called for implementing the sewerage network in the district to protect the citizens' health and save their money.

#### Journalists express gratitude for pay rise

'AMMAN (Petra) — Editors, reporters and correspondents of the Jordan News Agency, Peira, Sunday expressed their thanks to His lajesty King Hussein for Saturday's Cabinet decision which approved granting them a 30 per cent overtime allowance. In a table sent to King Hussein, Petra Director General Khaled Mahadeen stressed that Petra staff would continue to persevere in their work, and he affirmed their loyalty and allegiance to Jordan and the King. Last week, workers at Petra staged a work stoppage, demanding that the government grant them the 30 per cent allowance in line with their colleagues at Jordan Television. Also the Jordan Press Association held an emergency meeting to discuss the issue. On Saturday, the Cabinet responded to these demands and approved granting employees at Petra the overtime

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibition entitled "Latin American Countries in France" at - the French Cultural Centre. in Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Jordanian artist Salam Kanaan at Riwak Al Baika Gallery for fine arts, Al Fuheis City.

#### LECTURE

the Lecture, in Arabic, by former traquiprime minister Seadoun Hammadi entitled "Remarks: the Path of Unity" at the Scientific and Cultural Centre of Abdul Hameed Shoman Fenndation — 6 p.m.

#### **Arab League meeting condemns** Palestinian eviction

CAIRO (Petra) - The head of Palestinian Affairs Department, League sponsored meeting on the hance their steadfastness in their

Adel Irsheid called on the U.N. Security Council to take practical measures to ensure the implementation of Resolution 799 concerning the repatriation of the 415 Palestinian evictees.

Mr. Irsheid was addressing the opening session of a week-long meeting attended by Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and the Arab League secretariat which gathered to discuss Palestinian affairs. The meeting, is the 49th by countries hosting Palestiman refugees, a statement was issued condemning Israel's de-portation order which they said violates all international laws.

cluding the fourth Geneva convention, noted Mr. Irsheid.

of the oppressed Palestinians under Israeli rule, Israel's Judaisation programme in Jerusalem, the financial situation of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and the agency's services to the Palestinian refugees in its five fields of operations are all on the Also to be discussed is the

In discussing the question of current Israeli settlement of Jew-the evictees, Mr. Irsheid, who is ish immigrants and Israel's use of director of the Foreign Ministry's water.

cerned to replace the old secondary girls school, which is built from asbestos, saying that it poses danger to some 500 girls students attending the school. They also called for ending the double shift schooling system, which is still applicable in the camp's schools due to the ever-increasing school population and limited school space. They further called on the governor to arrange with the au-

#### names of candidates for public school teaching posts in the local newspapers, ministry sources said The Ministry called on candi-

Jordan's delegation to an Arab said that the escalation of Israel's repressive measures against the Palestinian question opened in Palestinians clearly manifests Cairo Sunday urged Arab countries to provide all possible assistthe Arab countries or the Palestiance to the Palestinians to en- nians. Israel has committed its most despicable crime against humanity by expelling the 415 Palestinians from their homeland and its actions constitute a flagrant defiance of the world community and international laws in-

Economic and social conditions

### Governor hears Baqaa complaints

Eid Al Qatarneh Sunday discussed with the Baqaa camp improvement committee the situation in the camp and the requirements of the camp and the surrounding areas. The committee cited the weak electric power and the damage it causes to bousehold appliances and electrical equipment, lighting of streets, shortage of water supply, particularly in summer, and the mainte-

SALT (Petra) - Balqa Governor the education departments connance of water network and thorities concerned to open a civil establishing a hospital in Baqaa registration department and to area. The committee also called on the governor to arrange with the Ministry of Youth.

another, in addition to filling vacancies for specialized teachers. The vacancies will be filled by the ministry in coordination with the Civil Service Commission. Ministry sources said that the vacancies are distributed among 22 education zones in various parts of Jordan. Applicants for work in the southern regions and Amman outskirts will be required to work for at least two years, before they will be eligible for transfer from one

in another develops Ministry of Education has decided to create two new departments: the internal audit and

educational department to



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tion and studies and the other for organisation. The decision to establish these two new depart-

control department. The decision to establish an internal audit and control department is in line with

### Problems with Arab renaissance and Arab orthodox compared

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - In a lecture entitled The Arab orthodox renaissance goes hand in with the Arab renaissance" held at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation, Dr. Ra'ouf Abu Jaber chairman of the Orthodox Arab Society pointed to the common historical background between the two movements especially in their un-successful efforts to liberate themselves from colonialism.

"There is an outstanding similarity between the Arab renaissance and the Orthodox renaissance: Both are still suffering from dissension and multiplicity of governing authorities," Dr. Abu Jaber said. "On the one hand, the Arab stand regarding the social and political status has not changed, there are still several states and more than one leader governing the Arab world; on the ership in the occupied territories, other hand the orthodox community's leadership, the patriarchate in Jerusalem is governed by Greeks in its council, which is known as the holy sepulchre brotherhood, while only four out ence by the Arab orthodox comof the 94 members are Arabs."

tent over the inertia of the ortho- law were called for, as was the dox leadership in Jordan in reactivation of the orthodox cen-

One participant voiced disconopposing the orthodox church's tral council and the higher ortho-

sale of church properties in Jeru- dox executive committee to take salem to the Israeli authorities. charge of all matters related to The Greek patriarchate has re- the community on both sides of Mogadishu

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On Saturday, U.S. officials said that although the U.S.-led effort to bring food to starving Somalis was ahead of schedule, said some U.S. troops may be in

for the long haul.
When the Marines first landed in Somalia on Dec. 9, the Bush Administration said Operation Restore Hope would be a quick exercise to suppress clan wars and

Dr. Raouf Abu Jaber

cently sold whole districts, including Rahavia district in West Jeru-salem and earlier sold the Al Musallabah district. Though admitting the malprac-

tices of the patriarchate lead-

Dr. Abu Jaber said that it is basically due to the fact that Greek nationalis can obtain Jordanian nationality easily. He said that during the fifth confermunity held last month in Amman amendments to Jordanian

#### banditry that had hobbled famine relief work. At least 350,000 Somalis died last year in the chaos and famine, and two mil-

tion more are threatened with

starvation. The White House had set Jan. 20 - the day of President-elect Bill Clinton's inauguration — as a

loose target date to begin pulling out American soldiers and handing over the operation to U.N. Despite the rapid deployment of coalition forces since the Somalia Operation began on Dec. 9, many parts of the country

the river. "In the fifth general conference of the orthodox community held last month, there was a promise by the government to back up the cause of the Arab orthodox," Dr. Abu Jaber told the Jordan Times: We hope that there will be certain amendments to the constitution regarding the Arab orthodox to restore their rights in having a pure Arab Council as it is the case in Syria.' Dr. Abu Jaber also pointed to

come up with successful solutions to crucial issues that hamper the renaissance movement particularly in the implementation of a coherent strategy for the betterment of their situation. "Differences still exist over the best way to get out of the dead-

the failure of the two groups to

lock: Some think that the first step would be to Arabise the patriarchate, while others consider that the priority should go to the training and education of Arab orthodox clergy to be able in the future to occupy leading

According to Dr. Abu Jaber, these similarities are a natural consequence of the movements' efforts to liberate themselves from colonialism; "Both are seeking to build a strong foundation to a national Arab life free of hatred and sectarianism that would restore to them their past glory," he said.

remain under the loose control of local militias.

In the northwestern city of Hargeisa, Muslim fundamentalists stoned to death five women accused of adultery and whipped a sixth, U.N. spokesman Farouk Mawlawi told reporters.

Quoting a U.N. coordinator in the city, he said a council of elders was meeting Sunday to discuss the attack, which took place on Thursday. "We understand that there is a great deal of opposition to what has happened," he added.

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### No compromises

THERE ARE many issues facing the Arab World and its foreign ministers and representatives meeting in Cairo today, but nothing more pressing than the stand-off resulting from Israel's expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians to South Lebanon.

The expellees, stranded for the last 24 nights in freezing temperatures in a hillside camp between Israeli and Lebanese military lines, do not just represent the arbitrary and arrogant practices of Israel; they are living examples of the hypocrisy that we have to put up with not only on the international scene but also on the Arab arena.

We have heard more than enough criticism of the double-standards of the United States and the West in their dealings with the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict. We have been hearing it for decades and very little has changed on the ground. The inaction of the American-weighted United Nations Security Council towards forcefully implementing Resolution 799 demanding the return home of the Palestinian expellees symbolises the double-standards when seen against the Iragi missile episode of the past few days.

But let us not overlook or sidestep the reality that the Arab World, while being vociferously critical of the Western approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict, has somehow done very little in practical terms to bring about any changes to the political givens that gave rise to the double-standards. The very fact that it took the Arab League 25 days to hold a meeting on the Dec. 17 Israeli expulsion of 415 Palestinians testifies to this fact, particularly that it was the Jewish state's largest Palestinians from their homeland in p time.

Today's Cairo meeting cannot simply afford to pressure the Palestinians into dropping their demand for a linkage between peace talks with Israel and the expulsions. One cannot simply urge the Palestinian negotiators to travel to Washington and resume the talks as if nothing has happened and hoping that somehow Israel could be persuaded to accept a compromise solution to the plight of the Palestinian evictees. To put it mildly, is it logical to expect the negotiators to stay in their comfortable hotel rooms in Washington and adopt a business-as-usual attitude while 400 of their compatriots are freezing in snow and cold back in the Middle East?

Indecisive action in Cairo today would only strengthen Israel's hands based on the conviction - supported indeed by what we have seen over the past decades -- that the Arabs only pay lip-service to the Palestinian cause.

The crisis sparked off by the expulsions is not going to blow away soon and the suffering of the 400 plus Palestinians living in the squalid makeshift tent camp in South Lebanon is an open challenge to the Arab and international conscience.

It is time the Arabs came forth and delivered the goods in terms of collective action to ensure that Israel reverses its expulsion decision and permits the return of the evictees to their homes. Whatever has to be done to achieve this has to be done; there cannot be a compromise, peace talks or no peace talks.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

AL RA'I Sunday criticised the United States' refusal to impose sanctions on Israel for rejecting U.N. Security Council Resolution 799. In a new development in the problem of the Palestinian evictees, the United States has assured Israel that it would not allow the Security Council to impose any penalties on it for rejecting the resolution, said the daily. Washington, which disregards the world community, is thus providing new evidence of its false claim that it protects the international legality, said the paper. The United States has threatened severe measures against Iraq for merely moving its missiles on its own territory which at the same time it is encouraging Israel to scoff at the world community and its resolutions, the paper added. Backed by the United States assurances, Israel will not hesitate to issue new threats to the Palestinians and abort the peace talks, said the daily. By encouraging Israel to commit further crimes, the United States is helping the Rabin government to pursue its blackmailing practices against the world community and the Arabs in particular, the paper added. In light of the new development, one can only ask what kind of peace is the one the United States is bragging about in the region at a time when it turns its back to the United Nations resolutions. The paper warned the Arab parties that Israel would from now on use the peace talks as a lever to pursue its blackmail on the Arabs and attain its goals in the

SAWT AL SHAAB daily tackled the coming meeting in Cairo by Arab foreign ministers, noting that the Arab-Israeli problem and Israel's practices should top the list of priorities. Israel is continually defying the world community in general and the Arabs in particular, and it offered a new evidence by rejecting Resolution 799, said the daily. Israel is being encouraged in its refusal to implement the resolution and repatriate the Palestinians by the U.S. administration which has now announced it would not impose any sanctions or penalties on Israel for its actions and its rejections of the U.N. resolution, the paper noted. The Arab foreign ministers ought to take these developments into consideration and look into ways to stop U.S. threats against Libya and Iraq, and should take practical steps to end inter-Arab differences, the paper urged.

Weekly Political Pulse

# Taiwan's case for recognition

In view of the long-standing sensitivities and confrontations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan), it appears almost sacrilegious to start thinking about the still unthinkable and propose the recognition of Taiwan as an independent state and accept all the trimmings that are usually associated with such recognition. Putting aside, for the time being, the claims of mother China on Tarwan, which are admittedly both historical and political, much water has passed under the bridge since the former nationalist regime in China under General Chiang Kai-Shek moved his political base to the island of Taiwan after the defeat of his regime at the hands of the communist forces more than four decades ago.

Ever since that era, many realities have been created and have become firmly established in Taiwan, that may or may not prejudice the final resolution of the endemic conflict between Taipei and Peking. By all acceptable international standards, Taiwan drifted into a new national and independent course that is reminiscent of similar developments in other parts of the world that broke up one nation into multi-states. The clearest evidence of this phenomenon was the Arab Nation that broke up into several Arab states. In spite of the continuous yearning entertained by the Arab peoples to reestablish one homeland and one united Arab Nation, there is a parallel recognition of the contemporary realities pointing to the undisputable fact that there are now many independent and sovereign Arab countries.

Against this backdrop, that has been repeated elsewhere in the world, there is no longer a justification to bury one's head in the sand and pretend that there is no country called the Republic of China that has all the makings of a sovereign and independent state. This recognition need not prejudice the aspirations and yearnings of the Chinese people to reunite just as the Arab peoples persist in their efforts to forge a united or federated state comprising all the existing Arab countries. As a matter of fact, the entire world will rejoice when there is a national reconciliation between Taipei and Peking on the basis of which there could be unity between them.

Still, over and beyond these considerations, the Republic of Taiwan has now all the necessary elements and ingredients for earning and enjoying international recognition as a sovereign and independent state till there is a final agreement between it and its mother country, the People's Republic of China. In terms of economic, military and political strengths, the Republic of China (Taiwan) is a country of 20 million people that has earned one of the highest marks ever enjoyed by the many countries that are members of the United Nations. Its wondrous economic achievements have indeed baffled friend and foe alike and have become the envy of many industrial giants, not to mention all developing countries. Its gross national product (GNP) has peaked to \$193 billion and its per capita income reached \$11,000, figures that are unmatched even by the greater majority of the developed countries. As to its foreign reserves, that reached the phenomenal level of \$89 billion in 1991, they have become the pride of the continent of Asia, including the south Far East rim that is currently enjoying the miracle of unprecedented industrial

Even more impressive is the determined efforts of the Republic of China to pitch in the perpetual battle for economic resurrection of the poorer countries of the world through its multi-faceted technical and economic assistance programmes. The performance of Taipei on the international scene is therefore commendable and deserves the appreciation and recognition of the international

Clearly, the most cherished appreciation and recognition that can be bestowed on Taiwan and its fine, energetic and industrious people is to grant them recognition as part and parcel of the comity of nations. Taiwan, therefore, has a place in the world and it has earned it with much sweat, determination and conviction. And the joy and pride of Taiwan should also be the pride and joy of the People's Republic of China as well since the two countries share the same history and will most likely share the same destiny in the future. The only effective way to nurture goodwill between Taipei and Peking is to accept Taiwan as an independent state and then make determined effort for reconstructing new bridges between the two Chinas, as is done elsewhere in the world where there has been a breakdown of unitary nations. As is, the international course being pursued vis-a-vis the "fraternal" conflict between Peking and Taipei can only lead to the perpetuation of the confrontation between them with no end in sight. There is therefore every reason to change course and apply a different perspective towards the two states till better tidings in the future bring them closer to one another once again.

## The European Community's role in the Middle East

The London-based Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (AABU), studying the political situation in the volatile Middle East, urges more European involvement in the current state of affairs, especially in the deadlocked Arab-Israeli peace talks. Following is a De-cember report prepared by the council on the "duty" Europe has towards settling the Mideast problems:

THE CURRENT situation in the Middle East gives great cause for alarm. The slow progress of the peace talks so far is worrying. Over a year has passed and there is no sign that the originally envisaged agreement between Israel and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation on Palestinian interim self-government, which should have been reached, according to the American timetable, by the first anniversary of the convening of the Madrid conference (October 1991), will be attained in the near future. Meanwhile, escalating violence threatens the Israel/ Lebanon border area.

Settlement activity in Palestine ng Golan Hei despite the undertakings of the new Israeli government. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and 300,000 Syrians are still denied the right to return to their often destroyed homes.

Hopes were raised by the elec-tion of the Labour government in Israel and they seemed to have been justified by the measures of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin soon afterwards. Yet the extent to which Israel has undertaken confidence-building measures. without which no progress can be achieved, is also questionable. While the new Israeli government has announced certain curbs upon settlement construction, these allow at least 10,000 housing units, already under construction, to be completed - potential homes for another 50.000 settlers and this is without considering those who might move into finished, but still vacant, properties. The freezing of Israeli settlement activity does not lead to their removal or abandonment. Furthermore, although Mr. Rabin promised to halt some settlement construction during the election campaign, there are more housing units being built in the occupied territories than at any other time in Israel's history. Indeed Mr. Rabin has said that

the government will not oppose the construction of privatelyfunded settlements.

We might add that the pledge to release 800 detainees has only been partially fulfilled, according to our information. The imaginative release of several thousand political prisoners and detainees out of a total number of 12,500, which would remove a cause for popular demonstrations and build confidence between the Palestinians and the Israeli military authorities, is yet to happen.

Demonstrations are still being suppressed with live ammunition, punitive taxation of the population continues and curfews are still widely used. The ability of the Palestinian population to move freely within the occupied territories, including access to East Jerusalem, is seriously hindered by Israeli military ordi-

The Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU) urges the British government and its community partners to intensify its activity to ensure the smooth progress of the peace process in accordance with stated European policy is clearly laid out in three European Community declarations which make reference to the Middle East, namely the Venice Declaration of 1980, the Dublin Declaration of 1990 and the more recent Lisbon Declaration of June this year.

The Venice Declaration of 1980 stated: "The time has come to promote the recognition and implementation of the two principles universally accepted by the international community: the right to existence and to security of all the states in the region, including Israel, and justice for all the peoples which implies the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." The declaration goes on to say: The Nine stress the need for Israel to out an end to the territorial occupation which it has maintained since the conflict of 1967. They are deeply convinced that the Israeli settlements constitute a serious obstacle to the peace process in the Middle East. The Nine consider that these settlements, as well as modifications in population and property in the occupied Arab territories, are illegal under international law." The members of the Eurocome of the negotiations in directions which they believe to be proper, thereby complying with the statements made in the

Venice Declaration. Twelve years latter, the Lisbon Declaration proclaimed: "The European Council reaffirms its support for the peace process launched in Madrid in October 1991 which provides a unique opportunity for peace. It is of paramount importance for the world, and Europe in particular, which has an essential role to play in the political and economic stability of the region." This same declaration reiterated "the commitment of the Community and its member States to play a con-structive and active role in the peace process, in both its bilateral and multilateral tracks, based on the Community's well-known positions of principle."

These later points are very important, embodying a sustained commitment to stand by certain principles. However the European Community still continues to do very little! CAABU believes the European countries can, and indeed should, play an active role in promoting a Middle East peace settlement as the promised and abandon their little more than passive role which is the situation at the present time. Justice for the Palestinian, Lebanese and Syrian people, living in or expelled from the territories occupied by Israel, implies recognition of their legitimate rights. This must include the Palestinian right to national selfdetermination. It also includes their human rights as guaranteed by international law and, more

specifically, as stated in the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949. These have retreated from the forefront of European preoccupations. Britain, with its strong historic responsibility for the current situation, has held the presidency of the European Community for the past six months and was thus in a powerful position to wield much influence on this issue. In actual fact London has done very little.

The initial success in breaking the longstanding deadlock in the Middle East peace process and in bringing the combatants to the conference table was achieved by America. The United States was obliged to put heavy economic and diplomatic pressure on Israel to attend the peace talks in Madpean Commission should seek to rid in October 1991, following the influence the process and out-

the Arab states during the Gulf

"Israeli Prime Minister Shamir's Aug. 1 conditional acceptance of a peace conference only really came from the unprecedented cooperation by the U.S. and former Soviet Union, which finally joined together to all but demand Israel join in the process. This took the form of their extraordinary joint statement at the Moscow summit at the end of July in which they both expressed their "strong" commitment to promote peace and equally 'strong" conviction that this historic opportunity must not be lost. Such unanimity was more than Israel could withstand." (Middle East International No. 406, Aug. 16, 1991). America also had considerable

leverage in the light of Israel's request for a \$10 billion loan guarantee from the U.S. Treasury to resettle Soviet refugees. The Bush administration was very anxious to ensure that the loan guarantees were delayed, arguing that "the granting of such a loan guarantee at this time would seriously jeopardise the proposed international peace

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Despite the fact that the loan guarantees were promised, and were thus an indirect method of coaxing the Shamir government to Madrid, they have only recently been granted under the new Rabin administration and that in return for a partial freezing of settlement activity. Mr. Shamir's real intention emerged after his failure in the election when he said: "I would have conducted negotiations for 10 years, and meanwhile we would have reached a half million (settlers) in

Judea and Samaria. The change in both the American and Israeli governments, and the rise to power of Mr. Clinton and Mr. Rabin respectively, has resulted in a relaxation of pressure on Israel to be more flexible in the peace process. Indeed there is now no real pressure on

anywhere in the western world and hence the peace talks have almost stalled. Mr. Rabin has inherited Mr. Shamir's peace process and has not made any substantial concessions. The tone of the talks has changed but the substance has not.

Immediate action is essential. The European Community was invited to Madrid to be an active participant in both the bilateral and multilateral talks; let it now take up the challenge. Britain must take a firm lead and guide Europe towards a more active role in the Middle East peace process at a time when real peace is within the grasp of the parties concerned, provided momentum can be maintained.

The main obstacle to progress in the peace talks during the past year, as Mr. Shamir has tacitly admitted, has been the intransigence of the Israeli side. Pressure on Israel by the European Community and the British govern-ment could help produce the kind of concessions which would enable substantive progress to be made. This is not to suggest an rather to nudge the existing peace process forward in accordance with the principles laid down in Madrid and in the European declarations.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, in his speech at the CAABU 25th anniversary meeting in October, suggested that the ending of both the Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and the Arab boycott of Israeli goods would serve as confidencebuilding actions. In fact, they are entirely different; the former is a blatant transgression of interna-tional law, while the latter is a legitimate method by which the Arab League today seeks to sustain pressure on Israel to give up the occupied territories and to accord the Palestinians their national rights. Therefore, it is an error to place them on an equal

It is of crucial importance, from an economic standpoint. that the European Commission, and Britain in particular, develop closer relations with the Arab World. It is, quite clearly, in the interests of everyone concerned. As a recent publication on European relations points out, "helping the region's countries (Middle East) develop viable economies must be a major focus. In this sense the EC should encourage and peoples living there.

Israel to be conciliatory from attempts in the region to achieve economic diversification (so as to 👺 avoid an exaggerated long-term reliance on single sectors, such as agriculture in water-poor areas. or oil), even if there might be fears about the impact on European industry. Any such attempts should be placed in a regional framework. A concomitant aim must be the reduction of the gap between rich and poor states in the region. These two aims are mutually reinforcing" (from the "Middle East and Europe: an Integrated Communities Approach," edited by Gerd Nonneman). Therefore, a stable and peaceful Middle East is a prerequisite for more vigorous interaction, and movement in the bilateral talks a prerequisite for real discussions in the multilaterals at which such subjects should be discussed.

In terms of security, we neglect the region at our peril. At pre-sent, there is a growing danger of widespread political instability in the region which threatens the established governments there and, by association, vital economic ties with Europe. This is as a alternative peace initiative result of unequal standards in the capplication of Security Council resolutions by the western powers, the rise of Islamic extremism and ever-widening disparities between rich and poor nations. The remarkable ambivalence so far displayed by the European Commission in its responses to the ethnic war in what was Yugoslavia and the plight of the Bosnian Muslims refugees (a situation that could produce the Palestine of the future) has exacerbated the problem. The Arab countries, as overwhelmingly Muslim states, have naturally been deeply disturbed both by events in the former Yugoslavia and by what they see as an inadequate response on the part of the European Community.

> It is clear that Britain and Europe have a duty. Betraval of our responsibilities bears unthinkable consequences. The Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding strongly believes that the above only serves to emphasise the need for an active European policy to induce Israel to take a more accommodating position, thus enabling the peace process to achieve its goals: a stable, secure and prosperous Middle East for the benefit of all the countries

## Bush's departure raises Saudi concerns

By Caryle Murphy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — For this oil-rich kingdom, George Bush's four-year presidency was somewhat like having a dream team in Washington.

A Bush-led United States not only rushed to protect Saudi Arabia from a perceived military threat by Iraq during the 1990 Gulf war crisis, but it also has kept heat on Baghdad since the end of the war.

In addition, U.S. exports to Saudi Arabia have almost doubled in the last two years, sales of high-tech military equipment have gone ahead without much ado, and Washington has shown little interest in promoting domestic democratic reforms in this country's absolute monarchy.

But the transition to a new team led by President-elect Clinton has caused uncertainty in Saudi Arabia as officials try to determine how their country might be affected under a Democratic administration that has said it intends to encourage democracy and human rights around the world and to be serious about environmental reform.

The fundamental size terest of the United States in

having access to Saudi oil at U.S. trading partner in the Midmarket-prices — a priority that has undergirded U.S.-Saudi ties for almost 50 years - remains unchanged. As a result, this Arab country on the Gulf is likely to remain a key U.S. ally, with favoured access and status in Washington, for as long as it continues to be the largest supplier of oil imported for American consumers.

Another factor that bodes for continued close relations, particularly under a president-elect who emphasises the importance of international trade to the U.S. economy, is the growing Saudi market for U.S. goods.

U.S. merchandise exports to Saudi Arabia in 1992 are likely to reach \$7.4 billion — nearly double the \$4 billion in 1990 according to estimates by the U.S. Commerce Department. These figures do not include service or military sales.

"This is a very fertile environment for American business," a diplomat here said in a recent interview, Saudi Arabia, whose oil sales to the United States are .. te around \$11.2 billion in 1992, is not only the largest

die East but now also one of the biggest in the world, he added.
"This means a lot of American jobs," the envoy said, noting that the United States is also the largest agricultural exporter to-

By contrast, U.S. exports to Israel in 1992 are expected to be around \$3 billion, according to commerce figures. Despite these common in-

terests, some areas could bring difficulties to the Saudi-U.S. relationship under a Democratic White House. Both the Islamic religious right here and a smaller group of liberal, westernised Saudis have said they are looking to the new administration for support in pushing their agenda of an increased political role in Saudi decision-making.

During a recent meeting with western journalists, a group of Islamic political activists who want Saudi Arabia to become a more fundamentalist Islamic state said the United States should support their demands because they are calling for increased re-

spect for hairan rights. "Maybe the Democrats are a ways a question: When are the

bit better for human aspects, for human values. Democrats mean change and change might bring good ideas," said one Saudi university professor active in this

"We have been trying for two years to improve (the Saudi government's) behaviour. We do not want to destablise it. We do not want to overthrow it. But we have not been given any help by the West," said Ahmad Tuwaijri, a Riyadh-based legal consultant

and former professor. Other Saudis who do not want a stricter Islamic society but who share the Islamic activists' desire for more political participation also said they hoped the new U.S. administration would push for such changes.

"You are pushing this demo-cracy and human rights in all the world, but when you come to this area, you say, 'No, we accept what your governments or your kings say," said a Jeddah businessman who asked not to be named, explaining: "We are in Saudi Arabia and we cannot say anything."

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Americans going to push this democracy on us?" a Riyadhbased diplomat said, commenting on Saudi apprehensions about a new U.S. administration.

King Fahd promised last March to set up an appointed 60-man consultative assembly to advise the royal court and cabinet, but so far has named only that body's speaker.

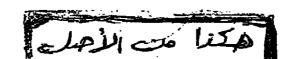
Another area Saudi officials will watch closely is the Clinton administration's environmental and energy policies because of concern that the Democrats might seek to decrease gasoline consumption through higher fuel taxes. A senior Saudi official said recently that he had studied all such proposals aired during the U.S. election campaign, and concluded that all would be so politically unpopular they would never

Still, Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer clearly registered Saudi concern about such efforts last summer when he publicly denounced a European proposal for a so-called "carbon tax" as a way to clean an Europe's environment.

A third area in which Saudi-U.S. relations may run into bumps is the military. In the wake of the Gulf war, Saudi Arabia has not expanded or upgraded its Own armed forces, or drawn up a regional security agreement with its Gulf neighbours, or concluded agreements with the United States about advance positioning of U.S. military equipment on Saudi soil.

As a result, this country is not much better prepared to defend itself from aggression than it was in 1990 when Iraq invaded Kuwait. Instead, it has preferred to purchase high-tech military equipment and weapons as a deterrent to future threats, purchasing \$16 billion worth of military equipment, including 72 F-15 jet fighters, from the United States since the Gulf war, according to the Washington-based Centre for Defence Information.

Whether Mr. Clinton, who like Mr. Bush has promised to curb the Middle East arms race, will continue such military sales is 🛡 another question mark over Saudi-U.S. relations - The Washington Post.



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### Rabin

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militia, the South Lebanon Army, is headquartered.

Mr. Labbadeh, an accountant

at a private religious school in the West Bank town of Nablus, was arrested during an Israeli crackdown on Hamas Only hours before his deten-

tion, he had returned home from a lengthy hospitalisation. His family says one kidney has ceased

Dr. Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Gaza Strip physician who serves as spokesman for the evictees. told reporters Sunday that he saw no difference between returning Palestinians to Israel by helicopter or overland.

"Israel's agreement to let the Red Cross visit us yesterday (Saturday) is an admission of its responsibility for the evictees in all fields," Dr. Rantisi said.

The nine wrongly-expelled men had packed their bags and said their farewells and were waiting for the helicopter when news came of Lebanon's deci-

We have been waiting and we will wait more. I want to return even if I go backsto jail because it is my homeland. It is better than anywhere else even if we are in jail," said Iyad Izzedine, 18. Most of the nine expect to go back to prison when they return. In a minor concession to the

expelled Palestinians, the Israeli government Sunday waived a 60day deadline for lodging appeals against the expulsions

The cabinet announcement came as Mr. Rabin was meeting with Mr. Gharekhan.

On Saturdy Israel allowed In-ternational Red Cross officials through its lines to visit the evictees' camp, after insisting for two weeks that they go there via Lebanon.

At its regular weekly meeting Sunday, the cabinet dropped the deadline for appeals to military committees for the right to come home. The Palestinians have refused to appeal, fearing this would recognise the validity of

#### iraq

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. has pledged to give priority to resolving America's economic

Mr. Clinton, who will be inau-gurated Jan. 20, has repeatedly voiced strong support for Mr. Bush's handling of the standoff with Iraq. But the Iraqi spokesman, said

that "there is a possibility for dialogue to achieve far from threats and intimidation" with the new administration.

U.S. officials said Iraq moved fighter jet shot down on Dec. 27

and Iraqi warplane that had pene-trated the "no-fly" zone.

The Bush administration has
said there would be no advance warning the next time allied patrols in the Gulf were threatened.

Reports from U.S. navy officials aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Gulf also indicated that the missiles had been moved and that Iraqi jets had ceased "violating"

the "no-fly" zone. iraq announced the ban on U.N. flights Thursday in a letter to the U.N. office in Baghdad. It complained that the United States, Britain and France had refused to allow Iraqi Airways to resume flights halted since the

The Security Council warned Iraq Friday of unspecified serious consequences if it does not resaind the ban.

Itt said the ban would seriously impede the work of U.N. teams involved in scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction as well as of the UNIKOM set up after the Gulf war.

U.N. relief officials said the ban would also hinder the arrival of emergency medicine and food

"In the past we had chartered flights from Europe. In the last six weeks we have had more than 150,000 ttonnes coming to Bagh-dad," Thomas Ekvall, representative of U.N. Children's

Fund (UNICEF), said. Hiroshi Matsumoto, acting coordinator of the U.N. Iraq coordination unit, said: "We have evacuated about 2,000 sick children for treatment abroad

U.N. chartered planes. But Mr. Matsumoto said it made no difference whether the U.N. hired planes from Iraqi

Airways, as demanded by Baghdad, or from another country. "If Iragi aeroplanes are arranged we will use them," he

Meanwhile the commander of 2 U.S. battle group in the Gulf reminded lead that it would get no more warning against violating the "no-fly" zone.
"(Iraqi President) Saddam

Hussein has certainly had a very thorough warning. He's had the one warning that is going to be given," said Rear Admiral Phil Coaty, commander of the 10-ship battle group headed by the carthe road to peace. ner Kitty Hawk.

#### House passes anti-corruption law

(Continued from page 1) demands that those people make available to the department dec-larations of their fixed and liquid

The department would refer evidence of unlawful acquisition of wealth to the "concerned agencies" for investigations and trial.

The draft law sets a punish-

ment of minimum six months imprisonment to people who, "in bad intention," give a false report about wealth

In its three-hour session, the House also passed a draft law amending the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) law for

The House endorsed the draft law as amended by its Judiciary Committee, giving fully-owned Jordanian companies the right to provide what it called "unbasic" ecommunications service for a "limited time." The draft law renewed the

TCC's monopoly over the "op-eration, maintenance and development" of telephone and telex services, but said the private sector can, upon the approval of the Cabinet, provide other related services.

Islamist Deputy Ali Al Faqir protested the involvement of the private sector in telecomi tion services and warned of "confusion" and potential violation of the law by private sector com-

Minister of Post and Telecommunications Jamal Sarairch dismissed the deputies fears saying the private sector would only provide telecommunication services that the government cannot provide for financial constraints. Pointing out that the govern-

ment has embarked JD 250 million for the development of telecommunication services in the coming three years, the minister said the government does not have the funds to provide many of the new services provided by technological developments. He said the private sector would be

providing such services. Mr Saraireh said the treasury would benefit from such projects because private companies would have to pay part of their profits to the government as well as fees for using the public telecommunications networks.

"It is unfair to deny certain sectors services that we cannot provide," the minister said, adding the ministry could concentrate on providing and improving telephone services to areas that do not have them.

Endorsing the recommenda-tion of the Judiciary Committee, the House also asked the government to a draft law on a general House Speaker Abdul Latif

Arabiyat asked the Agriculture

Committee to present the House with a report on a conflict that erupted with the Ministry of Agriculture over some visits it carried out to a number of government departments without informing the minister of agricul-

Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Al Hindawi said members of the committee visited some gov-ernment departments and asked officials there "questions that gave the impression of questioning on wrong doings," and with-out informing the minister.

"That," he said, "is an administrative wrongdoing that I don't believe the House will approve," Mr. Hindawi said.

Minister of Agriculture Fayez Kl.asawneh said the committee's action violated the internal regulations of the House, while Committee Chairman Mohammad Alawneh argued that there was nothing in the "law or the constitution that prohibits citizens from visiting government

The House will look into the issue in its next session on

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#### **Bad** weather

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headaches and sore eyes and

The local parliamentarian and two councillors went up in a belicopter to watch a test spraying close to the wreck where a fresh leakage of oil had been spotted. They said they were satisfied with the precautions taken.

Spraying was about to restart

when Malcolm Green, head of the local council, was warned that islanders might demonstrate on

the runway used by the six Dakota spraying planes. Spraying was immediately can-celled for the day — the calmest so far - and the planes returned to the Scottish mainland to sit out

ful pumps was scheduled to arrive in the Shetlands from Rotterdam Monday, and could begin removing oil from the tanker Tuesday. The heaviest slick is along the south point of mainland island, but a sheen of oil extended at

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In all, 13 foreign ministers and

Mr. Kaddoumi plan to attend

Monday's meeting. The Arab League's other seven members will be represented by lower-level

On the eve of the meeting,

bundreds of students of Cairo

University, including veild women, marched from their cam-

pus to within sight of Israel's

embassy to protest the expul-

Below the embassy, at the top

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Arab summit soon, citing Arab disarray spawned by the Gulf war and other disputers. Sunday's demonstrators mar-ched from Cairo University to a bridge overlooking the embassy, which lies in a street sealed off by

roadbloacks. "We reject any peace negotia-tions (with Israel). Iihad is the only solution to the Palestinian problem," shouted one of the

marchers. "Arab rulers, open the doors to jihad," said another. "Holy war is the only way to God. We swear we will restore. Palestine to the Palestinians," shouted a

Egyptian police, who usually break up demonstrations, kept a close watch but did not intervene and the protest ended peacefully after one hour.

Foreign Minister Musa and Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdul Meguid said the Israeli expulsion of the Palestinians was a stumbling block on





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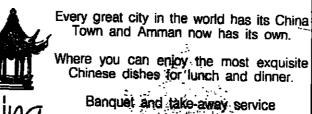
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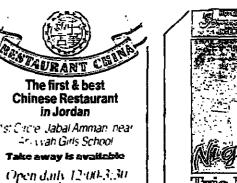
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## Klinsmann scores 4 to lead Haco to top of French League

2.43 1 (R) — German marks-man, Anthern Illinsmann scored Aut and to lift Monaco to the ... de litent. Soccer League the time his season with in the house win over Auxerre

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... broak in the League. Rudi oller. Ellinemann's partner in tita vietericus West German 1990 "told Cup campaign, scored a pateriol for champions Marseille a Con 5-2 home victory over Com-placed Toulon.

Franch international Navier Generaling remained the season's sup lengue marksman, netting wher for Coen in a 4-3 home victory ever lowly Lille to take his Wall to 15. But Klinsmann was the star of the night.

With his impressive performnace the former Internazionale tillian glayer proved he had setsed in at last in the principality ther a lucishistre start to the

He scored first in the seventh minute with a fine volley from a

before making it 2-0 with a powerful long-range shot which took Auxerre's international goalkeeper Bruno Martini by sur-

Illinsmann sealed victory early in the second half with two quickfire goals from close range in the 52nd and 56tth minutes as Monaco made light of the absence of injured key midfielders Jerome Gnako and Gil Rui Barros of Portugal.

Nantes had a 48th-minute goal from Nicolas Quedec to thank for their narrow win over Lyon. Marseille profited from Auxer-

re's defeat to move into third place, still one point behind Monaco and Nantes. Voeller scored in the 18th, 30th and 64th minutes while Croat

after just three minutes and sealed victory with three minutes to Auxerre and Paris St Germain. who won 3-1 at Sochaux, are

fourth equal, one point behind Cantona, Sharpe help shape impressive United side

Frenchman Eric Cantona's arrival and the recovery of Lee Sharpe have helped turn Manchester United into currently the



Unstoppable Juergen Klinson

most formidable attacking unit in the English Premier League. United moved to the top of the table with a 4-1 rout of Tottenham, taking their tally in the

last three League matches to 12. They moved level on points but better on goal difference than one-time runaway leaders Nor-wich who dropped back into third place behind both United and Aston Villa. Norwich, however, have a game in hand which they play against lowly Sheffield

Cantona began with four goals in as many Leagues games following his move from ailing champions Leeds in November when manager Alex Ferguson sought a striker to boost his attack.

In early November Ferguson's side were in 10th place but they have worked their way up the table with an unbeaten run of eight League matches, improving all the time and taking 20 out of a possible 24 points.

Sharpe, young player of the last season with injury and a late starter this term because of viral meningitis, has helped to widen the attack with his fast breaks down the left.

Two of the goals against Spurs were scored by Denis Irwin and Paul Parker, members of a defence with the best record in the

League.
With England midfielder Paul Ince also at last playing to poten-tial. United no longer miss their inspirational veteran captain Bryan Robson, so often unavail-

able through injury.

Cantona was forced to leave the field Saturday three minutes before the end because of a knee injury but he was quick to reassure United he would bounce

straight back. "It is not too bad and I hope it

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for three or four days," he said. Ferguson was cautious after the heartbreak of last season, when Leeds snatched the title from United's grasp.

"There's a long way to go don't hold your breath," he said. He pointed to Aston Villa's win at Liverpool Saturday. "That's a tremondous result and makes them as big a favourite as Second-placed Villa's League

record this season is almost identical to United's. Both have won 11, drawn eight and lost four of their 23 matches and scored 34 goals, but United have conceded only 18 to Villa's 25.

Striker Dean Saunders, who omed Villa from Liverpool in September, scored the winner after the home side had taken a first-half lead.

Delighted Villa boss Ron Atkinson said: "I can't think of a time when I've been a goal down at Anfield and come back and

said his side, so tight at the back when they dominated the English game in the 1980s, were let down by defensive mistakes. They have the most prolific attack with 36 goals, but have conceded 35.

"It's down to defending. It's no good doing the magic at one end if we are letting the goals in," he

Queen's Park Rangers' 36year-old captain Ray Wilkins faces a long spell on the sidelines after suffering a suspected broken shin bone in a training accident Saturday morning.

"I was turning for a ball when my studs in the ground," said Wilkins, who watched from the director's box as his side won 1-0 at Middlesbrough.

Manager Gerry Francis said: "It was a freak accident. Wilkins will only keep me out of training could have a cracked fibula."

## Saby extends lead, Salonen crashes

PARIS (R) - Bruno Saby of France increased his lead in the Paris-Dakar Rally in Algeria by winning the longest stage as Finnish challenger Timo Salonen crashed spectacularly and was forced to

Former rallying world champion Salonen, who had been third in his Citroen, was not burt but his British co-driver Fred Gallagher had to be flown back to Paris.

Officials said Gallagher had a suspected fractured vertebrae and was being taken to Paris in an air ambulance.

Vatanen, who had dropped to 13tth after a series of punctures in Wednesday's stage, moved up to seventh but the Finn, four times Paris-Dakar winner, is 7-1/2 hours adrift with little prospect of catching Saby in the remaining six days of racing.

Lartigue remained second overall. He took third place in the stage,

closing to within seven minutes 32 seconds of Saby by the finish, butis one hour 38 minutes 24 seconds behind overall

With Salonen's departure, Japan's Kenjiro Shinozuka moved into third place overall in his Mitsubishi, over four hours behind the

Stephane Peterhansel of France kept the overrall lead in the motorcycle section but was content to settle for third place in the stage behind Jordi Acarons of Spain and Thierry Charbobnnier of

### Martinez downs Maleeva; Kulti wins S. Australian Open

BRISBANE (AP) - Conchita Martinez of Spain powered her way to a straight sets victory over Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria Sunday in the final of the \$150,000 Danone Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis

Championship Top-seeded Martinez used her deep groundstrokes to wear down an inconsistent Maleeva 6-3, 6-4 and win the 15th title of her

She later teamed with Larisa Neiland of Latvia to defeat Americans Kimberly Po and Shannan McCarthy 6-2, 6-2 in the doubles final.

With her victory the 20-year-old Spaniard leapfrogged to seventh in the world past Amer-ican Jennifer Capriati, who was inactive this week. That equals her career-high ranking.
"I really needed this title to lift

my confidence, so I'm very happy," said Martinez, who played with increasing aggressiveness as the event progressed.

Martinez will not play another

tournament before the Australian Open starts in Melbourne.

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Martinez took a 3-0 lead in the second set to build the platform

for her win. Maleeva made 45 errors during the match - 20 more than her opponent - and was let down by a number of poor approach shots.

The 17-year-old Bulgarian saved two match points, but lost the match on another error missing with a simple forehand

Maleeva had been aiming for the second title of her career and would have moved into the top 15 for the first time if she had won. Instead, her ranking moved to 17th, one place behind her elder sister Katerina.

Maleeva wore strapping on a thigh injury, but appeared to move freely.

"It didn't bother me at all during the match," she said. "Conchita just played better. Next time maybe.

Meanwhile, former champion Nicklas Kulti won the South Australian Open tennis title Sunday with a 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 comeback win over Swedish compatriot Christian Bergstrom.



New Zealander Russell Coutts lifted the prestigious Omega Gold Cup 1992, in a week of hectic competition in Bermuda, acclaimed as "the most exciting match race sailing in recent years" by veteran observers. Coutts bagged \$30,000 and an 18k solid gold Omega Speedmaster, while each of this three crewmen were awarded an Omega steel and 18k gold Speedmaster Chronograph.

The Omega Gold Cup is an unique event because it offers the only "Pro-am" format in the sport, whereby 8 top ranked "seeded" skippers meet 8 "unseeded" skippers. The format allows less experienced skippers a chance to compete against the world's best and possibly move up in rankings.

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FORECAST FOR MONEAY JANUARY 11, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Cerroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a day when influences keep changing so that you would be wise to make a special point of being aware and alert to undercurrents so that you can quickly take the advantage offered.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get rid of unifinished tasks before you look into new avenues and outlets that appeal to you in your practical affairs, plan oncoming action.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Think about how to close present undone tasks so you will be able to put your time and attention on some important ways to better

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Consider the various options you have where some important matter is concerned and make a change eventhough it may be a dramatic one to be more successful.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You need to have some new life in your associations and now is the time to find one more practical than present contacts to include in your group.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A job has just about been completed and you have the chance to put your efforts and energies into some different worthwhile directions so seek them out.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) A pleasure is past that has meant much to you but even more

agrecable recreations can now be yours so be on the quivive for. accept them.

LIBRA: (Septembe. 23 to October 22) You need to have a more wellrounded sense of what needs to be accomplished at your residence so don't concentrate so much on some facet.

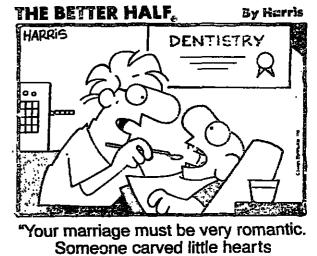
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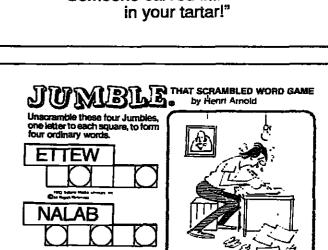
SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Whatever unpaid bills and obligations you have should be gotten out of the way early so you can get into some advanced practical opportunities. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You are inclined to

dwell too much on the past today and if you do you can lose out on some new personal chance to advance your interests. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) Don't fuss and fret about what you cannot help but think out a workable course of action whereby you will be able to feather your

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South's three hearts, no medals are awarded for bravery at bridge. Afraid to lead from any tenace. West selected the singleton trump for the opening salva. There is prob ably no worse lead in bridge, and here it almost surely cost a trick. Declerer won, but failed to make the most of this stroke of luck. After drawing two more rounds of trump, ending in hand, declarer continued with a diamond to the jack and king.

East's spade return was taken in dummy and a diamond to the nine lust to the ten. West cashed the king of spedes and continued the suit, forcing South to ruff. In hand for the last time, declarer successfully finessed the queen of clubs, but still had to lose a club trick for down one.

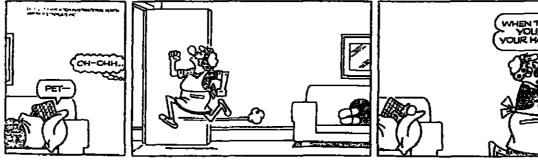
Having been blessed with a trick and a tempo on the opening lead, declarer could have exploited the combined assets more effectively by immediately leading a diamond to the jack and king. Declarer ducks the spade shift and wins the continuntion. A diamond to the nine loses to the ten, the spade return is ruffed and a diamond is ruffed on the buerd, fetching West's ace. All that remains is for declarer to cash the ace of bearts and return to hand with a trump to diseard a club on the queen of diamonds and take the club inesse for the contract.





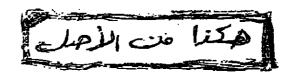






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### **Qeshm Island foreign** investment hits \$10b

NICOSIA (R) — The volume of foreign investment in Iran's Qeshm Island free trade zone has reached \$10 billion since it was set up at the end of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988, the Iranian news agency IRNA said

It quoted a chamber of commerce official, Amir Hushang Shirzadi, as saying the island's facilities, rich natural gas resources and suitable location for building jetties attracted many foreign firms, especially steel industries in Japan and Iranian businessmen abroad.

Qeshm Island in the Hormuz Strait is located in the heart of one of Iran's oil regions with production reserves of 60 million cubic metres of natural gas per day.

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#### Foreign Exchange Market Summary (January 4-January 8, 1993)

AMMAN — The dollar rallied during last week, boosted by political uncertainties as well as an overwhelmingly positive dollar outlook. The U.S. unit thus finished the first week of 1993 as its highest levels against the mark in over a year. At the end of the week, the dollar was 1.4 per cent higher against the mark and 1.6 per cent lower against the Swiss franc. The British pound gained too across the board, benefiting from its safe haven status as a non-ERM currency and a newly evolving outlook that the British economy could be performing better than had been expected.

As trading volume returned to its norm after the holiday season, the dollar jumped breaching 1.63 marks Monday. News that the German Economics Minister had resigned amidst a scandal, triggered waves of mark selling, which in turn benefited the dollar. The sharp movement in the exchange rate was further accentuated by fears of a possible German discount rate

before the end of the week.

Sterling ended at 1.5505 dollars, its highest for the week.

The U.S. unit retreated Tuesday on bouts of profittaking, closing in New York at its lowest leve's of the week at 1.6255 marks. The decline was described as a technical correction triggered by the dollar's failure to breach resistance at 1.64

But the dollar rebounded again Wednesday and Thursday. Observers commented that many traders and market participants were taking strategic positions on the dollar, in anticipa-tion of a dollar rally in the short term.

Market commentaries referred repeatedly to the widely-held expectations of narrowing interest rate differentials in early 1993, based on optimistic scenarios of better economic performance in the U.S. compared to European countries, including Germany, in the months ahead.

Political uncertainties in the Gulf, as well as in Eastern Europe, provided another reason for keeping long positions in the U.S. unit.

#### New York Closing Rates for Major Currencles Against the

Currency	31/12/92 Close	8/1/93 Close	Percent Change
iterling Pound*	1.5105	1.5315	1.39%
Deutsche Mark	1.6206	1.6475	(7.63)%
Swiss Franc	1.4665	1.5025	(2.40)%
French Franc	5.5275	5.6050	(1_38)%
Japanese Yen	124.83	125.39	(0.45)%

Сигтенсу	31/12/9	31/12/92		
	1-Month (%)	I-Year (%)	J-Month (%)	1-Year (%)
U.S. Dollar	3.17	3.87	3.10	4.00
Sterling Pound	6.87	6.68	7.10	6.68
Deutsche Mark	8.70	7.55	8.48	.7.37
Swiss Franc	5.94	5.27	5.43	5.00
French Franc	11.25	9.50	11.25	9.37
Japanese Yen	3.87	3.62	3.87	3.46

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Сигтелсу	Bid	Offer	
U.S. Dollar	0.690	0.692	
Sterling Pound	1.0573	1.0626	
Deutsche Mark	0.4196	0.4217	
Swiss Franc	0.4592	0.4615	
French Franc	0_1231	0.1237	
Japanese Yen*	0.5499	0.5526	
Dutch Guilder	0.3726	0.3745	
Swedish Krona	0.0926	0.0931	
italian Lira "	0-0456	0.0458	
Belgian Franc	0.02035	0.02045	

### Bank of Jordan expects to reopen West Bank branches

By Jane Arraf Reuter

AMMAN — A major Jordanian bank said it expects approval soon to operate in the Israelioccupied West Bank, marking what is expected to be a stream of Amman-based banks reentering

"We don't have anything in writing but we hope we would be getting it very soon," Fayez Abul Enem, general manager of the Bank of Jordan, said Sunday.

He told Reuters the bank would probably begin with an initial office in Nablus which could begin operating in as little as two months after approval was

Jordan's Cairo-Amman Bank has had a monopoly on Jordanian. banking in the occupied lands, where most financial institutions had a significant presence until Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 Middle East war.

The Central Bank of Jordan said it was studying the issue but had not given final approval.

ature normalisation of ties.

The two countries, though

moved to curb soaring inflation

the State Price Committee said.

profits of firms producing bread,

milk, meat and other foodstuffs

did not mean that the country was

abandoning its move to a market

economy, said Vladimir Safonov,

deputy head of the price commit-

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ITAR-TASS news agency said

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· It said that contrary to Israeli ties to the peace talks, are still television reports it had not heard officially in a state of war. of any approval from the Israeli

"It is under review," a bank

But a Jordanian economist close to the government said Jordanian and Israeli officials, meeting on the sidelines of Arab-Israeli peace talks in Washington, had agreed in principle on the

talks with Israeli officials.

Analysts said the bank's expan-

sion across the Jordan River into

the West Bank, expected to be

followed by other banks that once

had a presence there, would pro-

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strong," said Mr. Fanek, noting that there were now over 200

bank branches serving less than four million people in the King-

The banking sector, buoyed by

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Mr. Safonov said Mr. Cher-

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'Prices will not fall," he said,

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan plans a Chung.

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for ordinary people."

to buy more expensive goods.

Some Jordanian banks are also

"Competition in Jordan is too

"They reached agreement in Washington — there is an understanding that the bank will reopen but they don't want to talk about it in advance," said economist Fahed Fanek.

Other banking sources said technical issues such as which currency would be used for capital and the amount of required reserves were still unresolved between the two authorities. Israel is believed to have back-

on a formal agreement with Jordan on allowing Jordanian banks to operate in the West Bank, a move Amman rejected as a prem-

ed down on its previous insistence

The two countries, though par-

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range of basic goods, officials at goods and services."

#### eases foreign Mr. Abul Enein said his bank, which applied for approval a year ago, was also considering opening branches in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Bethlehem. He declined to say whether bank executives had held direct

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia has begun easing foreign exchange controls in a first step towards making the dinar a convertible currency for current foreign operations.

The measures, which took im-mediate effect Wednesday abolished prior Tunisian Central Bank (BCT) authorisation for banks and firms borrowing abroad within limits based on their ability to repay, an official statement said.

- All businessmen would qualify for yearly foreign currency allowanceshithertorestricted to been slow to emerge. Many firms a limited number of heads of exporting firms. The allowances

> - Foreign currency allowances for Tunisians travelling abroad as tourists rose from 200 to 500 dinars (\$200 to \$520) per person

per year, and Transfers for Tunisian students abroad were increased.

would allow prices to stabilise at "This measure has only been taken to prevent a further jump in prices because many goods have simply become unaffordable sians living abroad.

# Tunisia exchange controls

BCT authorisations were also dropped for firms transferring funds to pay for services related to their activities abroad, and for transfers by individuals to pay for medical treatment abroad.

Other measures: - Payment of living allowances and retirement pensions for people in countries which act reciprocally with Tunisia no longer require central bank author-

 Tunisia's money changers were freed to buy foreign currency without restrictions,

The government said it was preparing further measures to ease regulations for foreign investors, for Tunisian firms investing abroad, for foreign currency accounts for individuals and com-panies and for benefits for Tuni-

### Environment seen driving second industrial revolution WASHINGTON (R)—Environgo, but it is possible to achieve mental concerns will drive the change," Mr. Young said. second industrial revolution, a

nomy that could generate trillions of dollars of new business opportunities, a book published Sunday

Worldwatch Institute's State of protect the earth's protective ozone layer, conserve biodiversity and stabilise the global climate would affect virtually all indus-

chemicals, metals processing and mining would be the hardest hit, according to Christopher Flavin and John Young, two of the authors.

But they note mounting concern for the environment had already created \$200 billion in demand for protection and cleanup technology, a market expected to expand to \$300 billion by the decade's end.

The larger market for new "green" equipment and related services would be measured in trillions of dollars, they said. Priorities would include development of alternatives to fossil fuels and lightweight substitutes for steel.

"The transition to an environmentally sound economy is as great a challenge as business has ever faced. But while the costs may be high... most companies will face greater risks if they ignore the need for change," the authors said.

In an interview with Reuters Mr. Flavin and Mr. Young said many business executives had begun to change their strategies to reflect greater concern for the environment, but much remained

In a separate chapter in the dramatic shift in the global eco- book, Worldwatch Institute President Lester Brown said the staggering costs of environmental degradation made change inevit-

He said reduced forest producthe World 1993 said efforts to tivity from air pollution cost Europe \$30 billion annually, a figure roughly equal to the annual output of Germany's steel indus-

try. tries in coming years.

Global warming could cost the United States \$60 billion annually in lost crops, damaged forests and rising sea levels.

"Business has a clear stake in preventing ecological deteriora-tion that could lead to economic decline," he said.

Many industries like the paper sector were already changing using large amounts of recycled fibers, Mr. Flavin and Mr. Young

Steel firms were also shifting to mini-mills, which use scrap metal instead of iron ore to make steel. But government approaches to the environment also need to change to a more market-based approach and the use of taxes to set policy, rather than the command-and-control regulation that has characterised the past two decades.

"Broader changes are likely to occur only if governments reform their fiscal policies to eliminate subsidies for - or tax - environmentally destructive activities, the authors said.

They predicted that the United States seemed almost certain to adopt some sort of an energy tax in coming years.

"Things have to change. There is so much pent-up pressure for "There is an awfully long way to change." Mr. Young said.

### Singapore seeks talented workers

SINGAPORE (R) - Singapore, and skilled labourers from overflourishing economy humming, cials told reporters. will raise the retirement age and It also helped provide employstep up a drive to attract foreign ment passes and work permits to professionals, government offi- another 2,000 foreigners sought cials have said.

force and reduce our reliance on researchers and scientists, 80 are

attract foreign professionals, sci- Gong said. entists and skilled workers will Singapore should "attract and include missions to China and the assimilate talented foreigners" to nomic Development Board velopment, he said. (EDB) officials said.

law will cover all workers but the donesia, India and China. spokeswoman did not give the

exact number affected. is certain of passage in parlia-ment, where the ruling People's and China," he said. Action Party holds 77 of 81 seats. The EDB plans recruitment

and willing to work, the spokes-woman said. The proposal is particularly im-portant in view of Singapore's policy section, said Russian and relatively low birth rate, a tight

labour situation and rising life expectancy, she said. labour shortage, with more than 200,000 foreign workers in a total

Unemployment has been below two per cent for two years. The EDB helped local com- dye, ship repair and wafer fabpanies attract 1,300 professionals rication industries.

short of hands to keep its seas in the past 15 months, offi-

by multinational companies Raising the retirement age here as well as local firms, said from 55 to 60 "will help to supplement our limited domestic work-"Of the 1,300 people, 230 are

foreign workers," a labour minis-try spokeswoman said. fresh graduates and professionals and the rest have technical skills and the rest have technical skills The recruitment drive to in a wide range of fields," Mr.

former Soviet Union, state Eco- ensure continued economic de-

EDB officials said scientists The government for the past and researchers recruited in the three years has encouraged local past 15 months were mostly from employees to raise voluntarily the developed Western countries, retirement age to 60 from the while the bulk of skilled foreign current mandatory 55. The new workers were from Malaysia, In-

"We see ourselves doing more to recruit talent not just from the The retirement age legislation traditional areas in the West but

Many Singaporeans at the age missions to India and the former of 55 are still healthy, competent Soviet Union in February and March respectively. Lee Shuit Kuin, who heads the

Ukrainian researchers and scientists would be sought for electro-

nics and information technology. Singapore faces a chronic biotechnology and engineering. Skilled foreign workers recruited through EDB were mostlabour force of about 1.5 million. ly employed in the electronics, precision engineering, aerospace, chemical processing, tool and

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Taiwan plans big

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sharp increase in the foreign aid it Taiwan's economy is booming

The new level of aid will still fall short of the average of 0.35 per cent of GNP provided by developed countries, said the de-

provides, to 0.15 per cent of its and its foreign currency reserves gross national product (GNP) of about \$82 billion are among from the current 0.02 per cent, the world's largest. GNP is offithe semi-official Central News cially forecast at \$229 billion this Agency said at the weekend. year, meaning the aid but the island has benefited in the could rise to \$344 million. year, meaning the aid budget

> tional isolation. Last August Taiwan said it would expand its aid programme in South East Asia by providing low-interest loans to Vietnam and

### partment's director Lin Neng- Indonesia for the first time. Nigeria to keep fuel subsidies for time being

ABUJA (R) — Nigeria, fearing unrest at a critical stage of its transition to civilian rule, has said that state subsidies on domestic petrol and other petroleum products would remain for the time

being.
"The federal military government has no intention to remove fuel prices to help an economy

plications for Nigerian society," President Ibrahim Babangida, quoted by an official Nigerian statement, said in Abuja. OPEC-member Nigeria has been under International Monet-

ary Fund pressure to cut subsidies

worth some \$2.0 billion a year on

the oil subsidy for now, consider- ravaged by debt, inflation and ing its social and economic im- corruption.

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### Sihanouk retracts threat to boycott UNTAC

PHNOM PENH (R) — Cambodian Head of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk has withdrawn his threat to stop working with United Nations forces, removing a major obstacle to the success of the multi-billion dollar peace mis-

Prince Sihanouk, in a statement released in Phnom Penh after his meeting in Peking Friday with U.N. Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) chief Yasushi Akashi, also announced he would be a candidate in presidential elections planned for later this year.

The prince said he would host a special meeting of Cambodia's Supreme National Council, which represents the four factions who signed the October 1991 peace pact, at his Peking residence at the end of this month and invite U.N. officials.

In a letter to Mr. Akashi Monday, Prince Sihanouk cited continning violence against Cambodia's biggest opposition party, the pro-royalist Funcinpec led by his son Prince Norodom Ranariddh, as the reason for ceasing coopera-tion with UNTAC and the

Phnom Penh government. Prince Ranariddh later also announced he was withdrawing support from UNTAC.

"His Excellency Mr. Akashi told me that UNTAC was doing everything possible to give me satisfaction but that for technical reasons some problems could not be resolved exactly to my wishes and to the demands of the compatriots," a statement from Prince Sihanouk said.

Prince Sihanouk said be would also invite representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council to the meeting in Peking, to be convened on Jan.

cause important problems remain to be solved in Cambodia before the elections."

Prince Sihanouk says he is in Peking for health reasons.

The U.N.'s biggest-ever peacekeeping operation, involving some 22,000 soldiers and civilians, is designed to culminate in elections in May for a new govemment.

But the peace plan is threatened by the refusal of the Khmer Rouge guerrilla faction to disarm its men or let U.N. vote registration teams into areas it

15 killed in Indonesia plane crash

breaking up and bursting into flames on impact.

JAKARTA (R) - Fifteen people were killed when a propellor

plane carrying 39 passengers and crew crashed near the Indone

sian city of Surabaya late Saturday afternoon. "It crashed four

minutes after takeoff," a search and rescue official told Reuters

by phone from Surabaya Sunday. He said investigations were

continuing into why the British-made Hawker Siddeley 748 plane

crashed. The plane belongs to Bouraq Airlines whose fleet is largely made up of ageing Hawker Siddeleys and Viscounts. The

news agency Antara quoted witnesses as saying the plane had

been trying to return to the airport after one of its engines failed.

The plane crashed into swampy land about two kilometres away.

TOKYO (R) - A top-secret code book used by Western military

allies to identify friendly and enemy aircraft has been missing

since 1988, Japan's Kyodo News Agency reported Sunday. It

quoted military analysts and observers as saying that the loss

happened before the end of the cold war and could have had

serious implications if the Soviet Union had obtained the codes.

The agency, quoting military sources, said a Japanese navy vesse

lost the code sheet for the Selective Identification Feature (SIF)

used to identify transponder signals from friendly planes in June 1988. It said Japanese and U.S. navy officials have confirmed the

incident took place but they said it did not damage allied security.

DHAKA (R) - Nearly 50 people were killed and thousands

made homeless when a tornado battered villages in northeast

Bangladesh, officials said Sunday. They said the tornado - which

lasted just five minutes - struck early Saturday, a day after

another tornado further north killed at least 26 people. Witnesses

and rescue workers said hundreds of houses were flattened or

blown away by 190-kilometre-per-hour winds. Electricity supplies

were cut off, roads were blocked by fallen trees and hundreds of

head of cattle were killed. "It was havoc. No-one seemed to

realise immediately exactly what had happened," said a journalist

in the northeastern tea-growing district of Sylhet. Others said

nearly 500 people were treated in hospital for injuries caused by

Muslim cleric accused of Tajik conspiracy

MOSCOW (R) — Tajik authorities have launched criminal

proceedings against the country's senior Muslim cleric and two

prominent politicians for alleged conspiracy to seize power,

ITAR-TASS news agency said Saturday. It said a special team

from the prosecutor's office, Interior Ministry and security service

in the Central Asian republic had been set up to investigate the

case against the three men. TASS named them as Qazi Akbar

Turazhondzade, spiritual head of Tajikistan's Muslims, Democra-

tic Party leader Shodmon Yusuf and Former Deputy Prime

Minister Davlat Usmon, the vice-chairman of the Islamic Revival

Party. It said they were accused of "entering a criminal conspiracy

last May with the aim of seizing power and overthrowing the

legally-elected leadership" of the former Soviet republic. The

charge appeared to refer to mass demonstrations organised by the

radical Muslim and democratic opposition last May against

Tornado kilis nearly 50 in Bangladesh

Japan lost top-secret code book in 1988



## Bombay smoulders as 157 die in western India riots

BOMBAY (R) — Armed rioters fought running battles with police in Bombay Sunday as security forces struggled to quell spiralling Hindu-Muslim violence in which 157 have died in western India in five days of bloody clashes.

Scores of fires raged across Bombay, India's business capital, as rival gangs took advantage of the communal flare-up to loot smouldering shops, residents

In the Kalachowky district of central Bombay, Muslim rioters gnored a daytime curfew and shoot-on-sight orders to the army, fighting running street battles with police with guns, stones and bottles, witnesses said.

On the railway line near Parel station, two corpses lay on the tracks, while in the slum area of Mahim dazed residents sat outside the charred remains of their huts where three people were reported burnt to death during

It took the death toll in five days of mounting Hindu-Muslim clashes in Bombay to 114. At least 43 people have also died in

renewed violence in Ahmadabad, 450 kilometres to the north. Thirteen areas of Bombay and

14 in Ahmadabad have been placed under curfew. But this has not stemmed the wave of stabbings and arson that are part of a police. dramatic flare-up of communal hatred linked to the destruction of an ancient mosque in northern

Although extra troops have een rushed to Bombay, a city of 12 million known in the past as a communal melting pot, this has failed to quell the unrest, force and have not tried to inter- bamboo canes. Police have come

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Bombay has been tense since last month's nationwide riots triggered by the razing of the mosque in Ayodhya by Hindu zealots in which more than 1,100 people

died, including 202 in Bombay. But the new flare-up appeared to have been deliberately fanned by Hindu political groups trying to push Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao into an early general election, political sources

Political leaders called for the army to be given a free hand to suppress the violence. "The time has come for the army to be given full control," said the veteran local leader of the Janata Dal Party, Mrinal Gore.

Hospitals were crammed with casualties, including burn victims and scores of people stabbed or

Twenty-one year-old Santosh Zagde said he was standing near his house when a mob waving flaming torches began advancing towards him.

"We began pelting stones at them to get them to turn back when suddenly they opened fire on us." he said.

The bloodshed spread to new parts of Bombay at the weekend as rioters burnt shops and cars. and fought gunbattles with

At least 39 people were killed on Saturday as shops, warehouses, a cinema and homes were set ablaze, and rioters pelted fire engines withh stones and petrol bombs in an attempt to stop them

putting out scores of fires. A senior police officer said police were handicapped by an acute shortage of weapons, with apparently because troops have acute shortage of weapons, with been limited to staging shows of most of them only equipped with

then-President Rakhmon Nabiyey, a former communist. The

opposition succeeded in toppling Mr. Nabiyev in September, but

pro-communists wrested back power two months later and now

Breakthrough gives hope to older mothers

LONDON (R) - A British medical breakthrough could lead to

thousands of infertile women and those past childbearing age

being able to have babies, the Sunday Express reported. Doctors

at Edinburgh Medical School have pioneered a technique that

could see ovaries transplanted from human foetuses into infertile

women, the newspaper said. Women would be given drugs to

overcome rejection of the transplanted tissues and cells which

would grow into new ovaries. The Sunday Express said the treatment could be one of the best ways to reverse a woman's

menopause. It said that under the treatment, foetuses would be

the genetic "mothers" of the babies born to these women. Dr.

Roger Gosden, head of the Edinburgh team, told the newspaper:

There are obvious ethical and legal problems. It would be a

precedent to have a dead foetus as the genetic mother of a child,

because this is the outcome if a patient who received foetal egg

Repatriation of stranded Pakistanis begins

DHAKA (R) - A group of 321 Bihari Muslims left Dhaka for

Pakistan Sunday, starting the repatriation of 238,000 Pakistanis

stranded in Bangladesh for 21 years. Members of 63 Bihari

families were brought to Dhaka airport from a refugee camp on the outskirts of the city and put on an aircraft for Lahore.

Bangladeshi officials, Pakistani Ambassador Anwar Kamal and representatives of the Saudi-based Charity Rabita Al Alam Al

Islami — which has arranged funds for the repatriation — saw off the Biharis at the airport, witnesses said. The Muslim refugees

migrated to former East Pakistan from India's Bihar state after

the British-ruled subcontinent was partitioned in 1947. They

opposed the emergence of independent Bangladesh following its

independence war against Pakistan. About 380,000 of the

Urdu-speaking Biharis were left in Bengali-speaking Bangladesh

when Pakistani troops surrendered on Dec. 16, 1971. Nearly

127,000 Biharis were resettled in Pakistan under a 1974 agree-

ment. The rest have since been living in 66 squalid camps in

SEOUL (R) - South Korea, often criticised by foreign manufac-

turers of designer goods for being soft on piracy, has launched a

major crackdown on counterfeiters, the domestic Yonhap news

agency said Sunday. It said the prosecutor general's office issued

an order on Saturday for a nationwide crackdown on manufactur-

ers of fake goods. A prosecution source was quoted by Yonhap as

saying the clampdown would focus on piracy of foreign

trademarks such as those of bags and clothes, as well as illegal

reproduction of computer software, video tapes and publications.

South Korea, which has legitimate licences to produce goods for

many overseas brand names such as Reebok and Nike, also has a

thriving counterfeiting industry. In Seoul's Itaewon district, tourists and Koreans can buy fake Rolex watches for just \$20 as

well as cheap T-shirts and sportsear boasting expensive designer

S. Korea fights against counterfeiting

control both parliament and the government.

cells became pregnant with them."

Dhaka and elsewhere in Bangladesh.

under fire and been attacked with

homemade bombs. Police commandos Saturday shot dead seven Muslim militants in a battle with automatic weapons across the rooftops of apartment buildings in downtown Bombay, witnesses said.

At least 39 people were killed on Saturday as shops, warehouses, homes and a cinema were set ablaze, and rioters pelted fire engines with stones and petrol bombs in an attempt to stop them putting out fires.

"We're not getting any protec-tion from the police," complained an officer at the fire

In the slum area of Jogeshwari, where firemen reported at least eight people were burnt to death Friday, rioters rolled blazing tyres in front of police patrols, residents said. Angry mobs besieged a police station demanding the release of those arrested in the riots.

The 16th century building in the town of Ayodhya became the focus of a political battle between secularists and Hindu nationalists, who said it stood on the birthplace of the Hindu God Rama and should be replaced by a temple.

Newspaper reports said that communal tensions in Bombay and other western areas had been deliberately kept alive by Hindu nationalist parties like the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena as part of a political agenda to force an early national elec-

Residents said the latest riots had apparently been provoked by a pamphlet campaign and the organisation of large Hindu prayer meetings close to mos-

## Angolan government claims control of UNITA base

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — In Mr. Savimbi was beside him. the latest of a string of victories, government troops captured the headquarters of rebel leader Jonas Savimbi in a central Angolan city, a report said.

Mr. Savimbi, however, re-

portedly escaped. The rout of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), rebels from the city of Huambo Saturday further jeopardised hopes for negotiated peace in the war-torn land, where fighting broke out last year only months after a peace accord ended 16 years of

Amid a series of stinging de-feats in the last week, UNITA has made repeated requests for ceasefires. But the government said it cannot talk unless the

rebels stop their "offensives." Rebel spokesman Jorge Chitendo, speaking by telephone to Portuguese Television during the battle for Huambo, reported more than 100 dead. He did not

elaborate. Mr. Chitendo said he was speaking from the city, and that

Diana report

LONDON (R) — Buckingham Palace sources Sunday angrily de-

nied a newspaper report that Princess Diana wants a divorce

from Prince Charles and is willing

to concede custody of her two

"This is total rubbish and is

peneath contempt. Once again

tabloid newspapers are using the

After the battle ended, however, General Jose Maria told national radio that Mr. Savimbi ment forces.

apparently had escaped the city before fighting broke out.

"When fighting ended, there was not a single member of UNITA left in town," said Gen. Maria, speaking on Appalant antican's reliant ing on Angolan national radio.
"We have to assume their leaders managed to leave before the con-

flict began." The central highlands city 480 kilometres southeast of the capital of Luanda has been Mr. Savimbi's headquarters since the rebel chief rejected the results of multiparty elections in September and reassembled his military.

Rebels retreated there Friday after suffering a defeat in the nearby city of Kuito, said Gen. Joao de Matos, chief of staff of the Angolan military. On Saturday, a street-by-street

battle for the city broke out after rebels attacked the governor's compound, he said.

identified as Superintendent Sukissa, told Angolan national radio that rebel leaders had asked

for a ceasefire during the fighting. But he said the government would not agree until UNITA forces stopped shelling govern-

Marcos Samondo, UNITA representative to the United Nations, sent a letter Friday to Secretary-General Boutros Ghali requesting Security Council help to secure a ceasefire.

The letter accused the govern-

ment of launching a military offensive to destroy UNITA and impose one-party rule on Angola. The United Nations has had peacekeepers in Angola since the rebels and government signed

peace accords in May, 1991, ending 16 years of civil war that killed 350,000 people. Thousands have died in battles around the country since fighting

broke out between government and rebel troops on Oct. 31 after UNITA lost a parliamentary major-ity to the ruling popular move-ment for the Liberation of Angola (MPLC).

in the parking lot who had been

Employees Jason Georgi and Celso Morales, both 17, said they

never worried about security at

Brown's which stands alone at an

intersection about 100 metres from a strip of stores.

Workers usually closed the res-

taurant at 9 p.m. and left within

an hour, after counting money

from the cash registers and clean-

ing up, Mr.Georgi said. Front doors were locked at closing

time, but a back door was left

unlocked until the last employee

Mr. Savimbi lost the first round Huambo's police commander, of the presidential race to the MPLA's Jose Eduardo dos San-

killed.

#### Corpse on tour

MOSCOW (R) — A busiced of Russian shoppers refused to break a trip to Poland because one of their number died. They travelled on for several days, leaving his corpse on the back seat, ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday. The man died from a heart attack as the group was coming up to the Polish border, TASS said, quoting a newspaper report from the western Russian city of Novgorod. But the wouldbe shoppers were so determined to continue with their potentially lucrative trip that they refused to turn back to burn him. Local authorities refused to let them inter the man in Poland. After several days, the group returned home, TASS said. Shopping tours to neighbouring countries are extremely popular in the for-mer Soviet Union. People flock westwards with everything from vodka to electric kettles to sell them abroad, make a few dollars or bring other goods back to resell at home. "Commercial tourist trips to Poland, where CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) citizens prefer shopping to sightseeing, are so profitable that commercial interests make peo-ple forget about shame and de-cency." TASS quoted the news-paper as saying. The agency did not say when the incident took

#### Dame Edna moves to Fox

SANTA MONICA (AP) —\_In the battle of the talk shows. Fox Television has acquired a new host, er hostess. Dame Edna Everage. Dame Edna, also known as Australian comedian Barry Humphries, said Friday he was leaving NEC because "I felt like I was surrounded by a lot of lawyers." The comedian, in trademark champagne pink bouffant wig, rhinestone eyewear and smirk, was featured in three specials for NBC interviewing such stars as Cher, Kim Basinger and Burt Reynolds. Dame Edna's one-hour debut show, tentatively scheduled for February, will be followed by weekly half-hour shows. No time slot was announced.

#### **Semper Gallery** closes one hall

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) The Semper Gallery closed of its halfs after damp invaded the building, which was restored at a cost of 100 million marks (\$60 million) to display one of Germany's great collections of old masters' paintings. The reopening of the gallery of Dec. 5 was celebrated as a state occasion, but on Thursday, officials were crestfallen in describing how a combination of cold weather, warm visitors and thin walls apparently let moisture collect in the German hal! Wet spots developed early this week behind paintings by the 16th-century masters Duerer and Cranach, especially those hung in niches in the Hall. The niches — we forgot them during the planning. I can't talk about it." groaned Wolf Reidner, construction department head in the Saxony State government, at a news conference. Gallery Director Harald Marx said, "The goal of the expensive restoration was to rule out exactly this in the future. I ask myself if the construction experts could not have foreseen all this." On the bright side, the damp was affecting only. the one hall, and 93 per cent of the Semper collection of some 700 paintings was still on view. The gallery's most famous painting, Raphael's "Sistine Madon-

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#### Palace denies 7 found dead in Chicago fast-food restaurant PALATINE, Illinois (Agencies) out the morning, some in tears,

work hours.

royal family to fight a circulation Chief Walt Gasior.

war," one source was quoted as saying by Britain's Press Association news agency.

The Sunday Mirror said Princess Diana, who separated from her husband, last month, made the decision to seek a divorce

after months of consideration. The newspaper, quoting sources "at the heart of the princess's circle," said she did not plan to become queen and was considering a total withdrawal

The 31-year-old princess married heir to the throne Prince Charles in 1981.

"Diana is pushing as hard as possible to extricate herself from her marriage and the royal family," the Sunday Mirror said, quoting a "senior source."

"A divorce is definite. There is absolutely no question of her emaining married to Charles despite what appeared in the original statement," the source added.

# trying to figure out from the cars

- Seven people were found dead Saturday in a fast-food restaurant described as a homey place where no one worried about safety or even locked the back door during

The victims — one female and six male — were discovered at a Brown's chicken restaurant in this Chicago suburb shortly after 2:30 a.m., said Deputy Police

Jeff Shaw, nursing supervisor at Northwest Community Hospit-al, said police had indicated the victims were all employees who were shot after the restaurant closed.

Cook County medical examiner Robert Stein said bodies were found in more than one place. Another official in the medical trell, said they were found in a walk-in refrigerator.

Mr. Gasior said the bodies were found in the "back area" of the restaurant. He said he could not confirm the victims were shot.

Mr. Gasior declined to comment about suspects or a motive for the killings.

Relatives and friends of emplovees gathered around the cordoned-off restaurant through-

left, he said. "It wasn't like a borrible place to be," Mr. Morales said. "It was sort of homey." Seven people, most of them

shift, said Mr. Georgi, who had taken Friday night off. "I'm really glad I wasn't there, but I feel so bad for them, because someone had to take my place, and if someone who took

my place — I don't know. I feel real bad," he said. Mayor Rita Mullins said she

was shocked by the crime. "This touches every family that lives within the community," she

Shalala

### Clinton nominees avoid confrontation

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President-elect Bill Clinton sent five of his cabinet nominees to Capitol Hill for confirmation hearings last week, they were well schooled in the art of least

When you want Senate approval, it is best to see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil.

In what was expected to be the most confrontational hearing of the week, Senator Trent Lott, (Republican-Mississippi), repeatedly tried to raise the hackles of Commerce Secretary-designate Ron Brown.

Mr. Lott quizzed Mr. Brown, a lawyer-lobbyist and chairman of the Democratic Party, on his representation of foreign clients, including former Haitian dictator "Baby Doc" Duvalier. He even interjected the names of clients that Mr. Brown's law firm - but not Mr. Brown himself - had handled, such as the notorious financial institution, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).

But instead of getting angry, Mr. Brown smiled. He said he did

the best he could for his clients, and said he even tried to be a positive influence on the Duvalier government. "I will never be an unethical

person," Mr. Brown said. Robert Reich, Mr. Clinton's choice for labour secretary, avoided even fellow Democrats' nearly innocuous queries.

Yes, he told Sen. Paul Simon (Democrat-Illinois), he will look into the merits of a demonstration project sort of like the depression-era programmes that put; people to work on public projects. But he could not commit, he said.

"That's a good diplomatic answer that won't get you into any trouble," Mr. Simon, re-

Whether the topic was personal finances or gays in the military, Mr. Clinton's nominees avoided any confrontation with the folks who vote on their jobs in the next few weeks. It's a pattern likely to repeat

itself this week, when 10 additional high-level appointees face confirmation questioning, including Secretary of State-designate

Warren Christopher; Treasury Secretary-designate Lloyd Bent-sen; and Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Donna

> It is a playbook crafted by the Republicans, who half a dozen years ago saw President Ronald Reagan's supreme court nominee, Robert Bork, defeated not because of his qualifications but because of his views, which he boldly enunciated in Senate Judiciary Committee hearings. By the time the Bush adminis-

> tration was in power, Supreme Court nominees played down their personal views. David Souter and Clarence Thomas both declined to lay out their positions on the critical court issue of abor-

> Mr. Thomas went so far as to distance himself from his own writings - and he survived the Anita Hill controversy to win a lifetime seat on the nation's highest court. Several of Mr. Clinton's

nominees were members of Congress during that episode, and. they seem to take the lesson especially to heart.

#### Japan plans amnesty to mark royal wedding TOKYO (R) — Japan plans to

Agency said Sunday.

sources as saying the government would start official preparations as soon as an imperial household conference formally approves the royal engagement between Crown Prince Naruhito and Masako Owada, a Harvard-educated career diplomat, on Jan. 19.

Japan has a tradition of granting pardons to mark important state occasions and events in the imperial household.

Such pardons have been granted 10 times in the past including when Emperor Hirohito died in 1989 and at Emperor Akihito's ascension to the throne

The wedding will be a major state affair, full of pomp and ceremony not seen since the 1959 storybook marriage between Naruhito's parents, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko. Ms. Masako will be only the second commander and the first

career woman to join the centuries-old Chrysanthemum Throne, a sign that the imperial family is modernising. The reports said the Imperial Household Agency judged June 3

appropriate because it is an auspicious day in the Japanese calen-A private thinktank has reported that the royal wedding. would stimulate spending of more

one per cent. The NLI research institute said



Masaka Owada

# na," is "safe as in the bosom of Abraham," Marx said. 'No English please,

#### Awards, France's equivalent of Oscars, has ruled that it will no longer consider films produced by French directors in English for its major awards. The controversial decision means that many top 1992 films by French directors or starring French actors - Jean-Jacques Annaud's "The Lover," Ridley Scott's "1492 — Christopher Columbus" co-produced by and starring Gerrard Depar-dieu and Louis Malle's "Damage" — will be classed as foreign films. As such, they are only in contention for the "best foreign film" award, the Academy of Cinema Art and Techology decided. Mr. Annaud, who is vicepresident of the Cesar Committee, said he disagreed with this linguistic protectionism, arguing that cinema was primarily a matter of pictures, not words. But the vast majority of his colleagues felt

# to media reports.

grant an amnesty to certain convicted criminals as part of a tradition to mark the forthcoming wedding of Japan's future emperor and empress, Kyodo News

Kyodo quoted government

in 1990. The wedding of the future

it would cause a marriage boom, spur private consumption and emperor and empress is likely to be held in early June, according housing investment and even support stock prices.

than \$26 billion and increase gross national product by nearly

### we're French'

PARIS (R) — Th film academy

which gives the annual Cesar

that "films made by French people but not in French are not